



'COURSE,  
IT WOULD  
NORMALLY  
BE A JOB  
FOR US  
MPS...

PIXIS IS IN  
COMMAND.  
I'M SURE  
HE'LL  
SUCCEED.

I'M  
JUST  
GLAD WE  
WERE ABLE  
TO RE-  
STRAIN THE  
VOLUN-  
TEERS.

## Episode 108: A Sound Argument



FEELING  
SYMPATHY  
FOR  
MARLEYANS,  
NILE?

HAH.



ROEG.

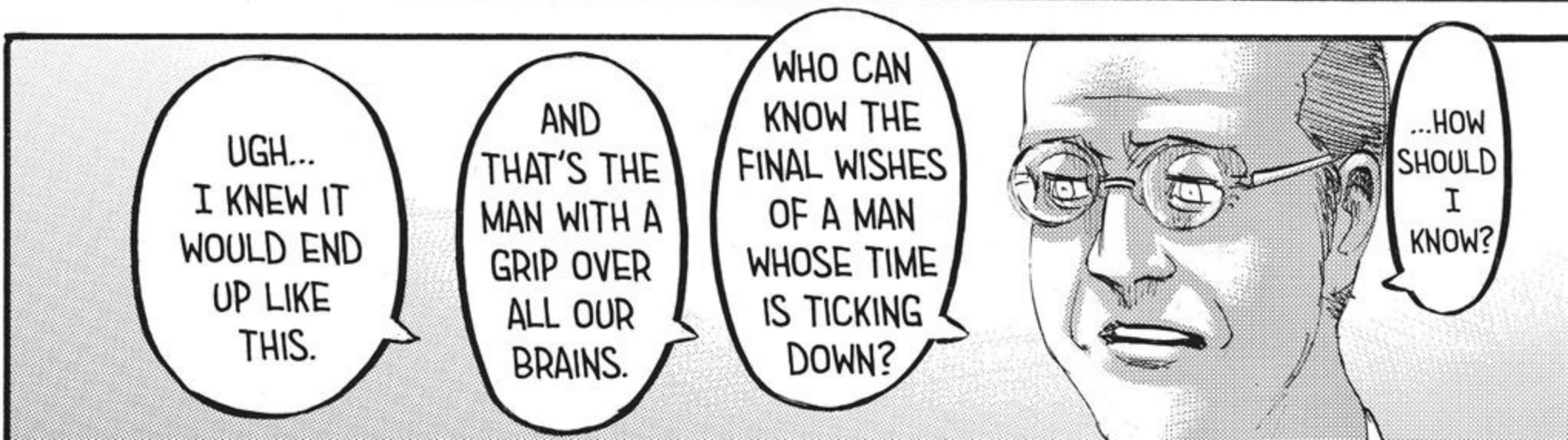
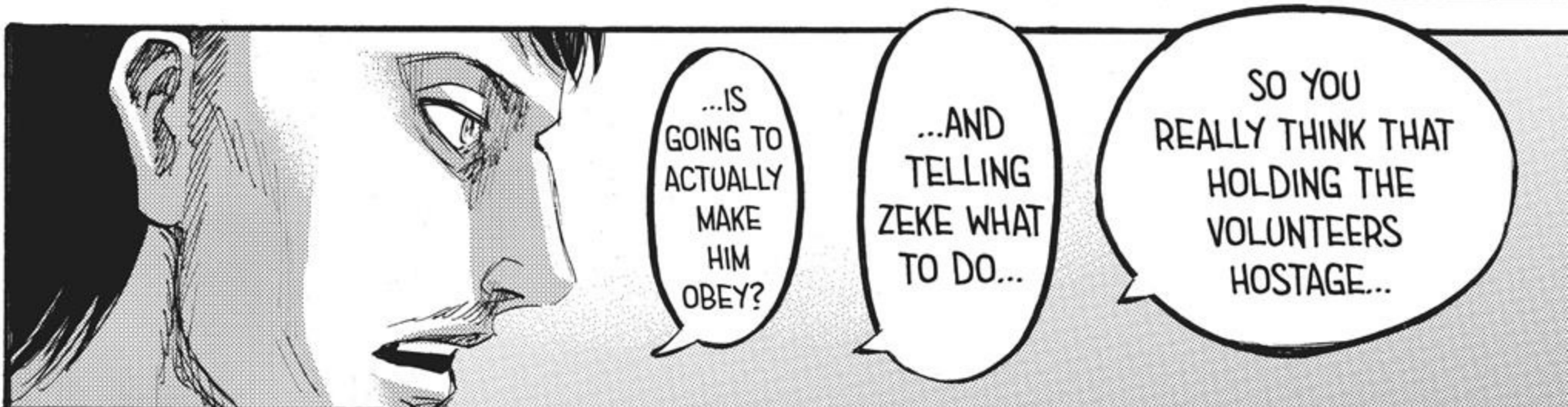
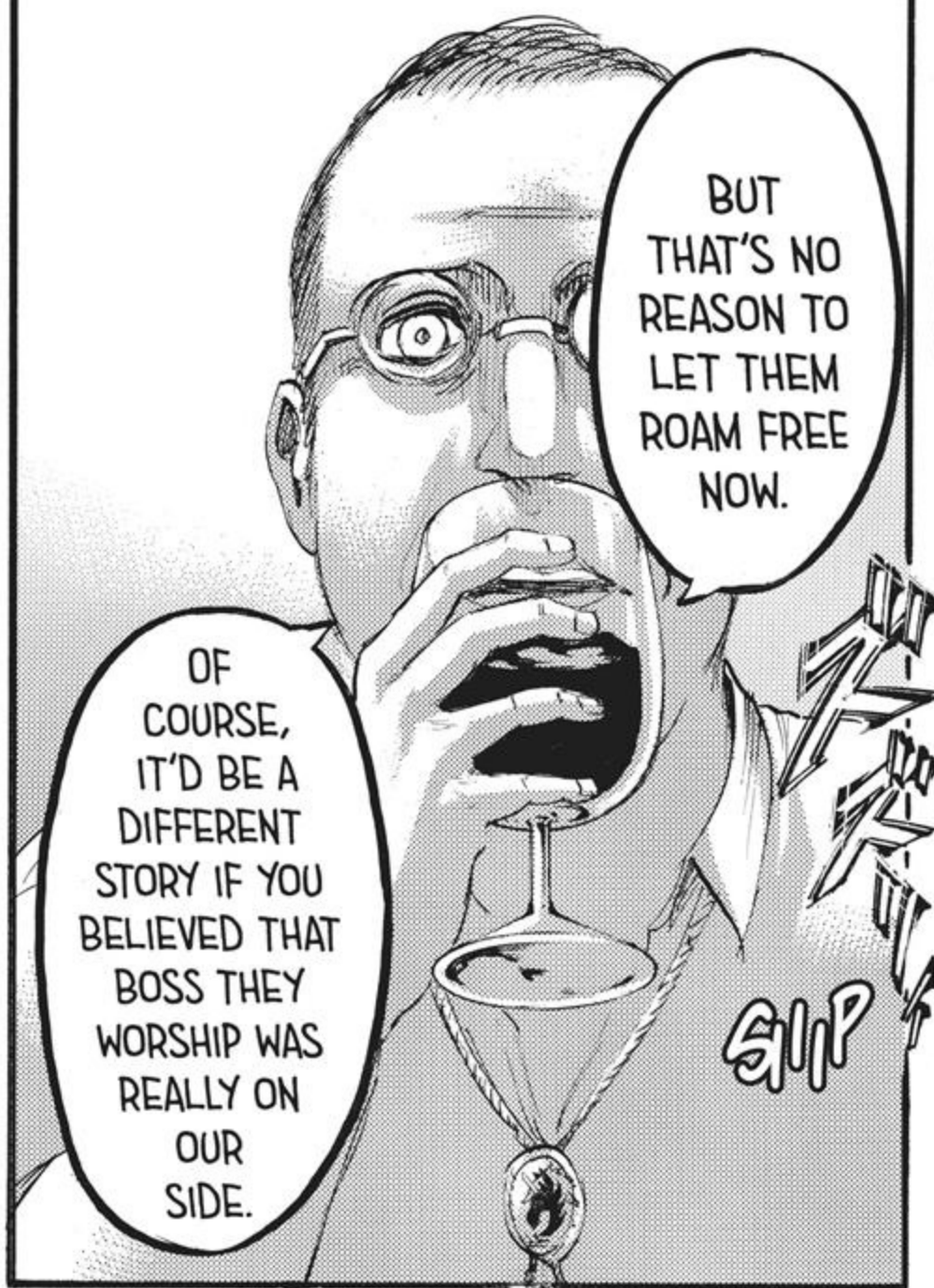
I SEE  
YOU'RE  
QUITE  
DRUNK,



...THOSE  
VOLUNTEERS  
DID SO MUCH  
FOR US. TO  
MAKE THEM  
HATE US NOW  
IS JUST SO...

EVEN  
IF IT  
DOES  
WORK  
OUT...







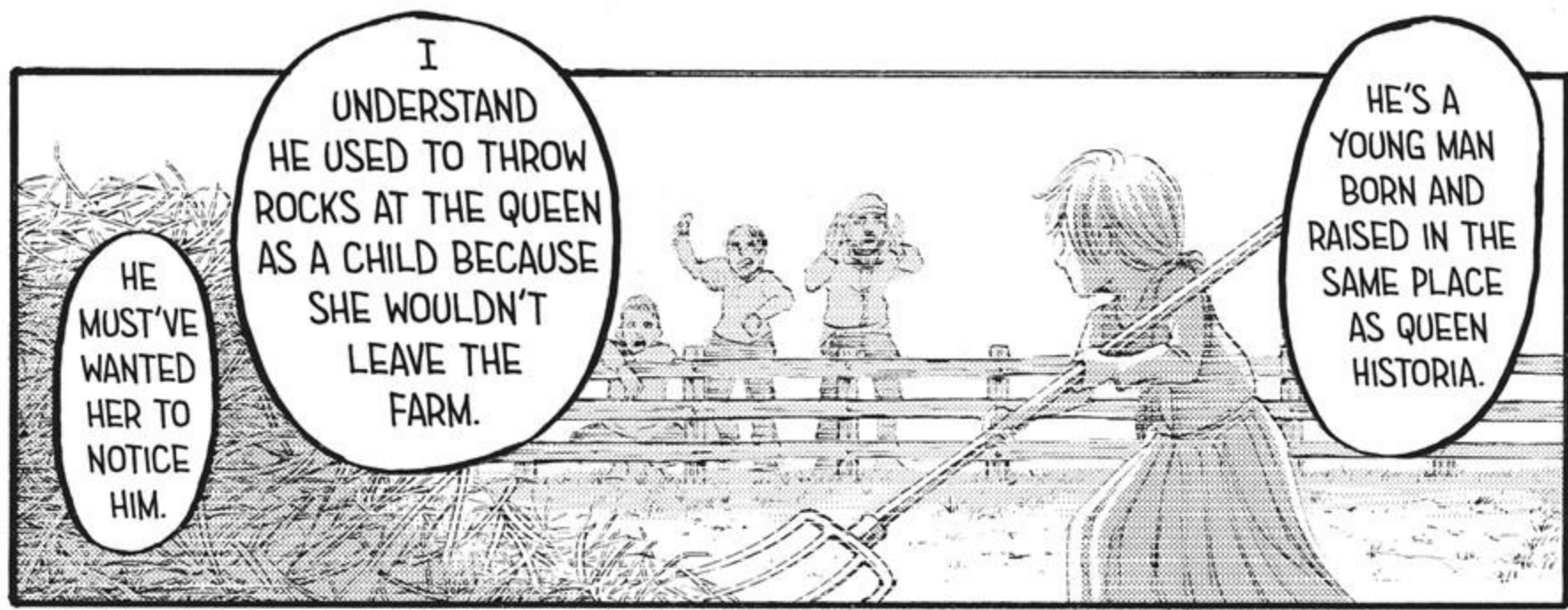






HE'S BEEN  
CHECKED OUT. WE  
KNOW HE'S NO  
ONE'S PAWN.

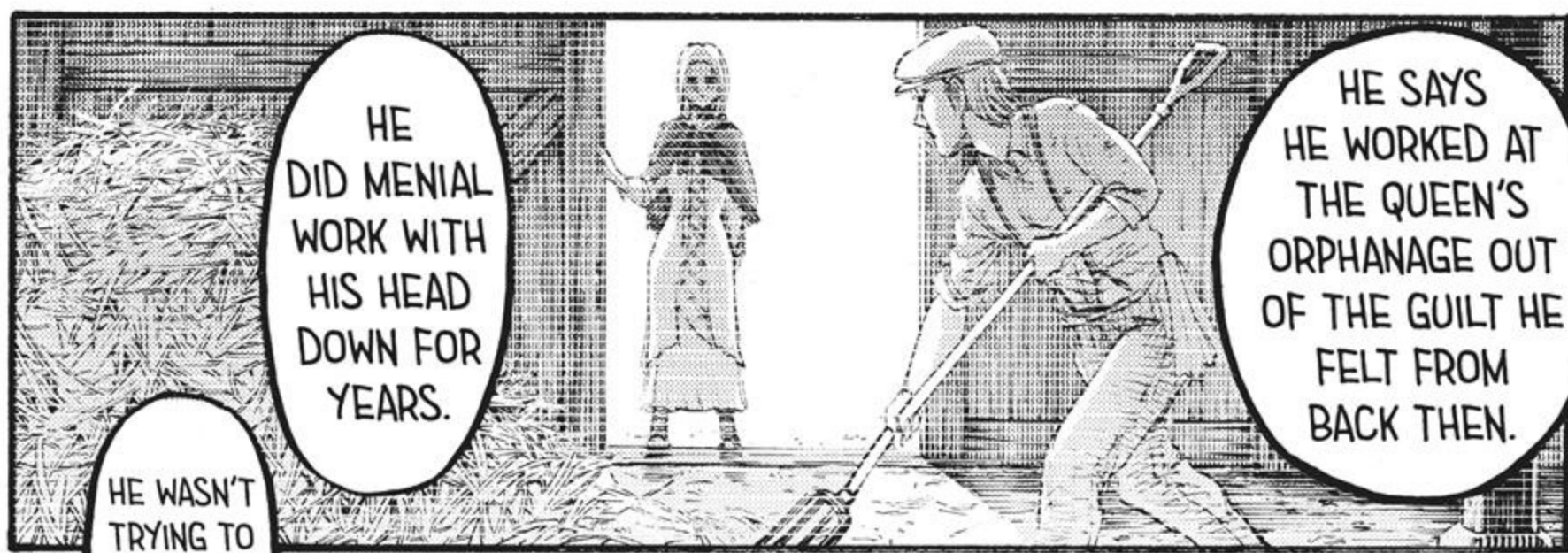
THE  
QUEEN HAS  
THE RIGHT  
TO CHOOSE  
HER PART-  
NER.



HE  
MUST'VE  
WANTED  
HER TO  
NOTICE  
HIM.

I  
UNDERSTAND  
HE USED TO THROW  
ROCKS AT THE QUEEN  
AS A CHILD BECAUSE  
SHE WOULDN'T  
LEAVE THE  
FARM.

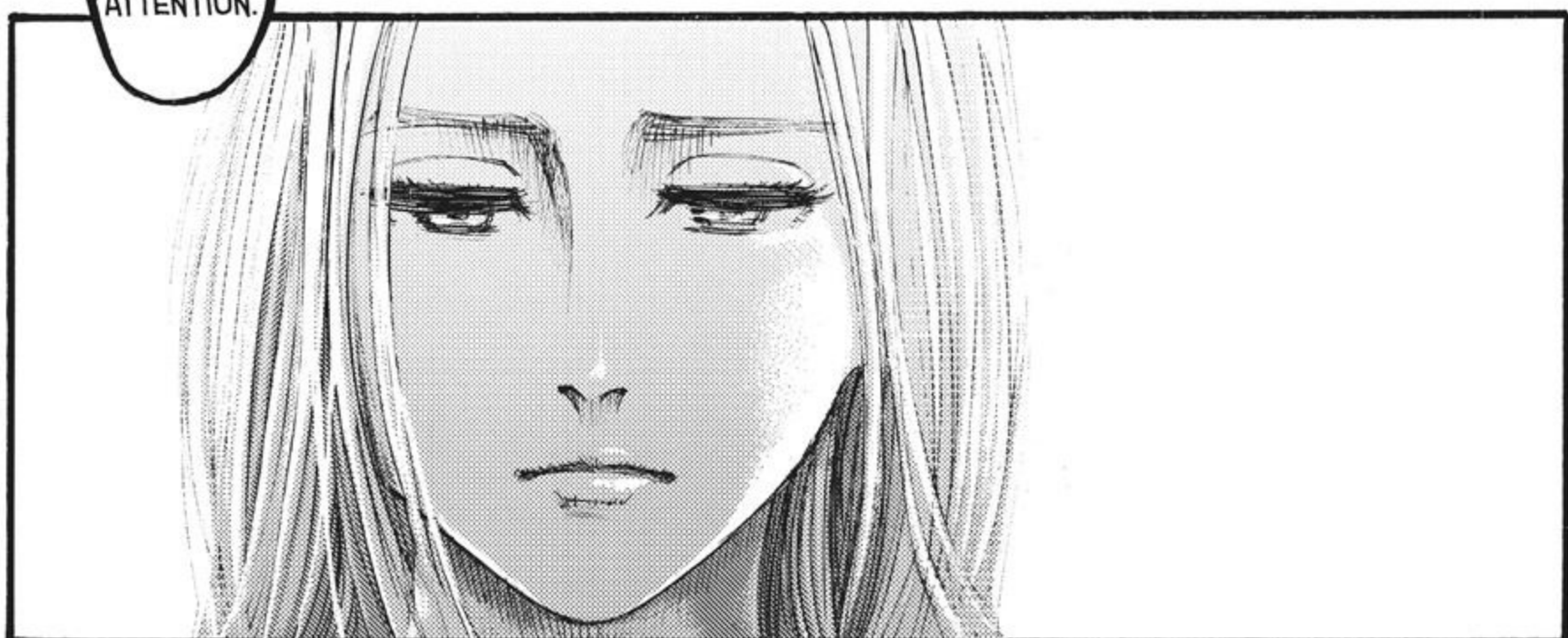
HE'S A  
YOUNG MAN  
BORN AND  
RAISED IN THE  
SAME PLACE  
AS QUEEN  
HISTORIA.



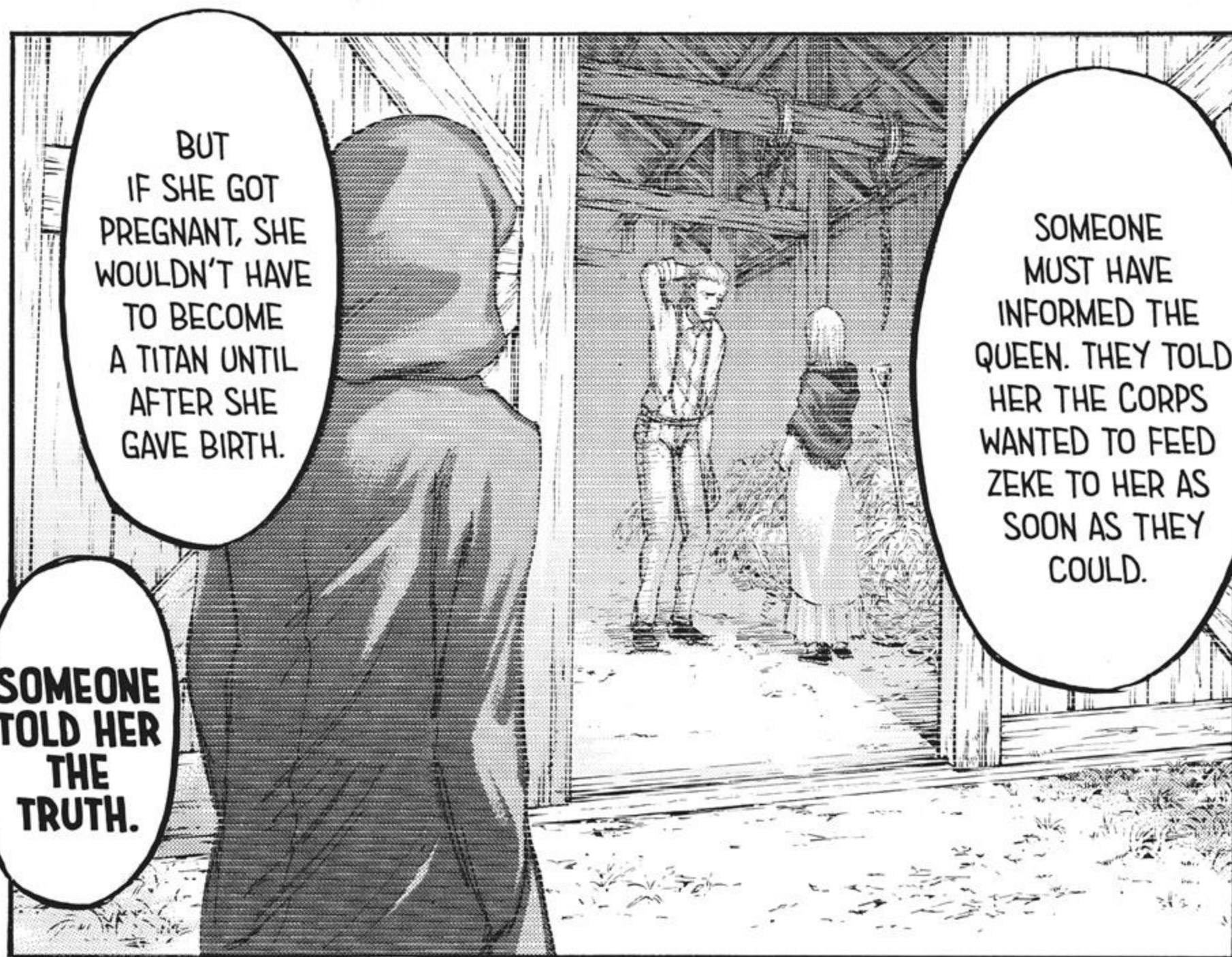
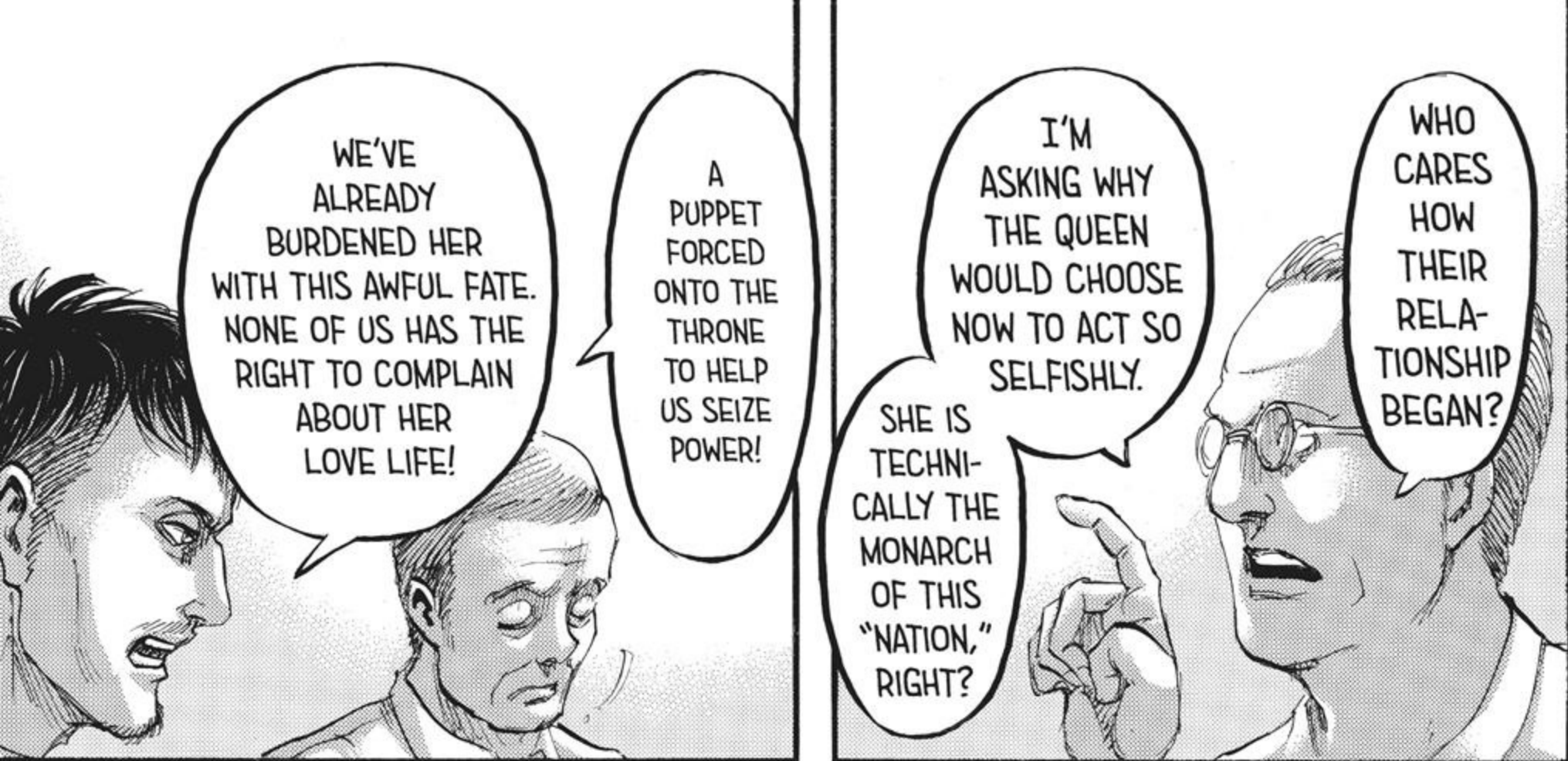
HE  
DID MENIAL  
WORK WITH  
HIS HEAD  
DOWN FOR  
YEARS.

HE WASN'T  
TRYING TO  
GET HER  
ATTENTION.

HE SAYS  
HE WORKED AT  
THE QUEEN'S  
ORPHANAGE OUT  
OF THE GUILT HE  
FELT FROM  
BACK THEN.









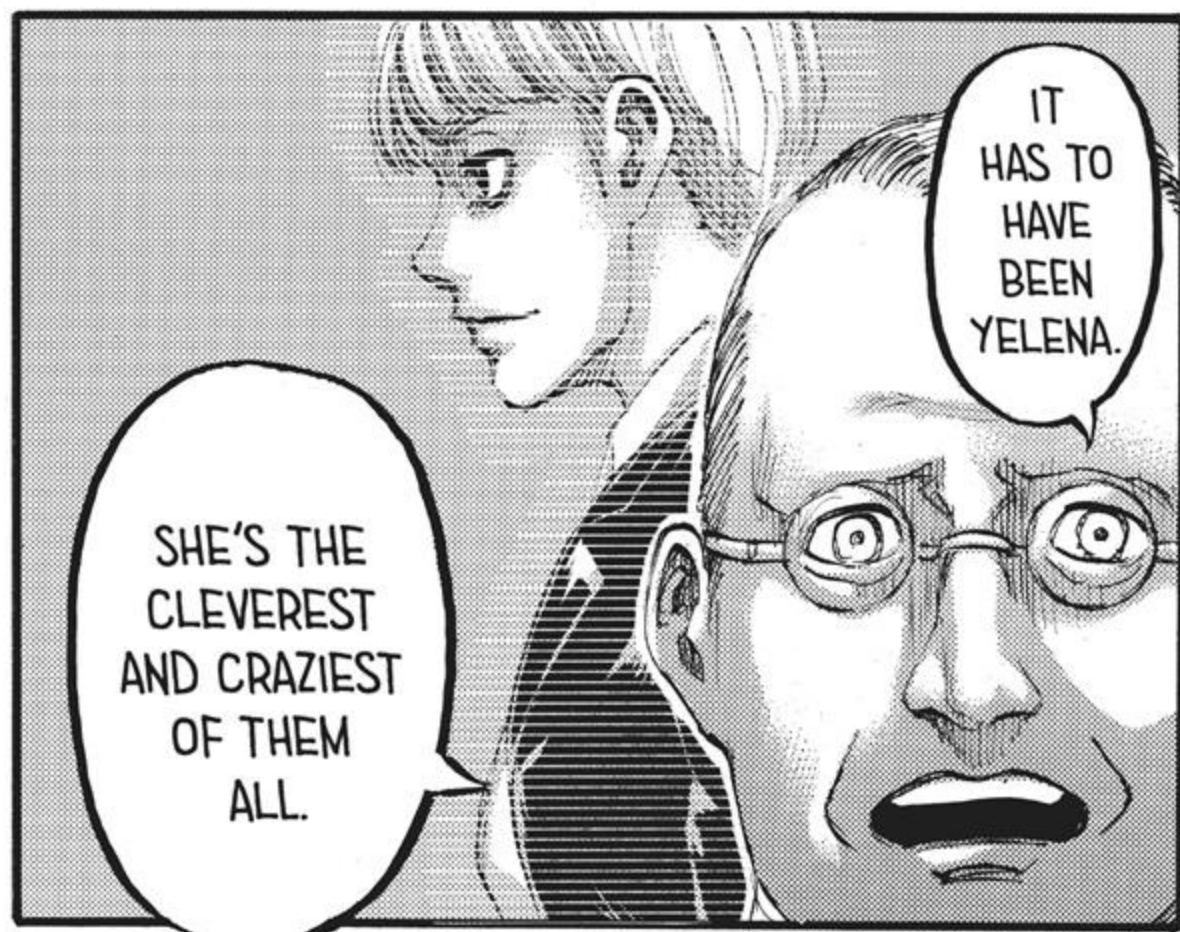


DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF OF THAT?

PERHAPS SHE WANTED ZEKE TO LIVE OUT MORE OF THE TIME HE HAS LEFT.

YOU'RE REALLY SAYING SHE'D BE SCARED OF INHERITING THE BEAST TITAN?

SHE'S NOT JUST THE QUEEN! SHE'S ALSO A BRAVE SOLDIER WHO'S HAD HER SHARE OF SCRAPES WITH DEATH.



SHE'S THE CLEVEREST AND CRAZIEST OF THEM ALL.

IT HAS TO HAVE BEEN YELENA.



IN OTHER WORDS, A VOLUNTEER.

SOMEONE WHO WANTED ZEKE TO SURVIVE HERE ADVISED HER.



YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK, ROEG.

ZEKE SURVIVED THANKS TO THE QUEEN'S PREGNANCY!

SO YOU HAVE NO PROOF?

WHAT COULD THOSE BASTARDS BE PLANNING?!



CHILD-BIRTH IS A BIG ENOUGH THREAT TO HER LIFE ALREADY...

AND IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, IT'S ALL OVER.

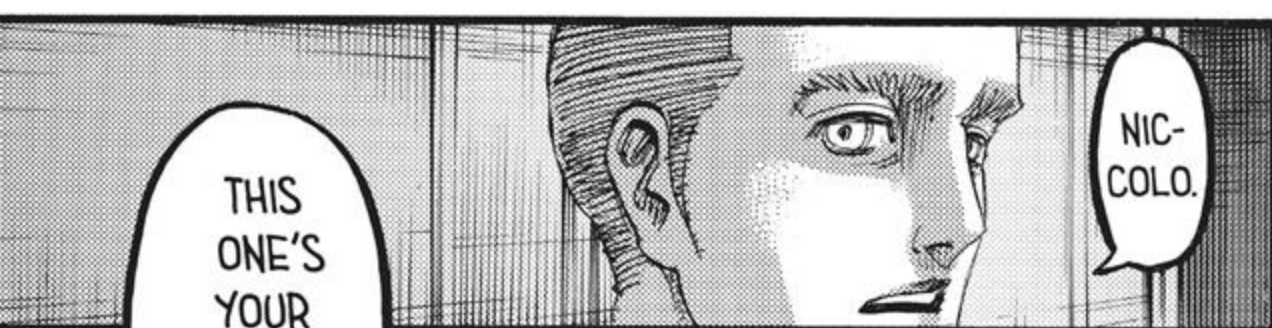
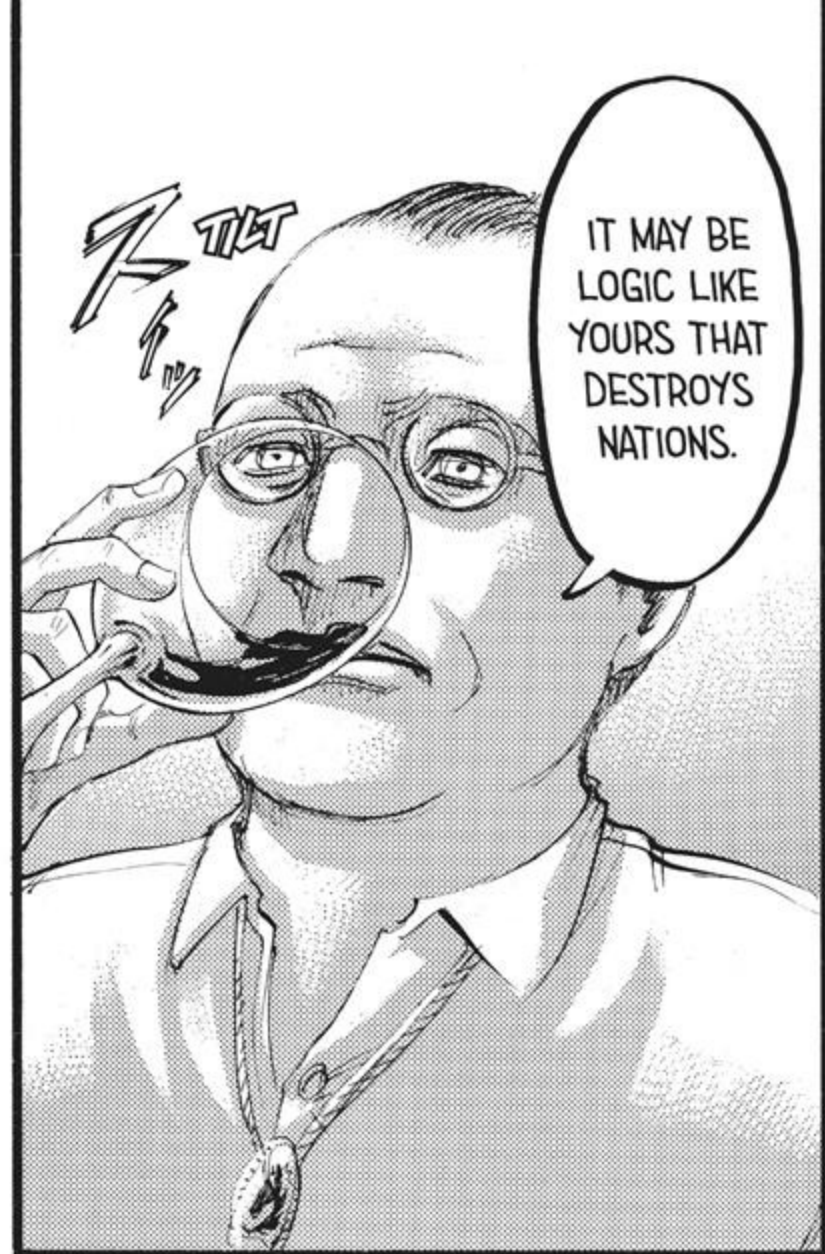
THAT MIGHT KILL HER CHILD.



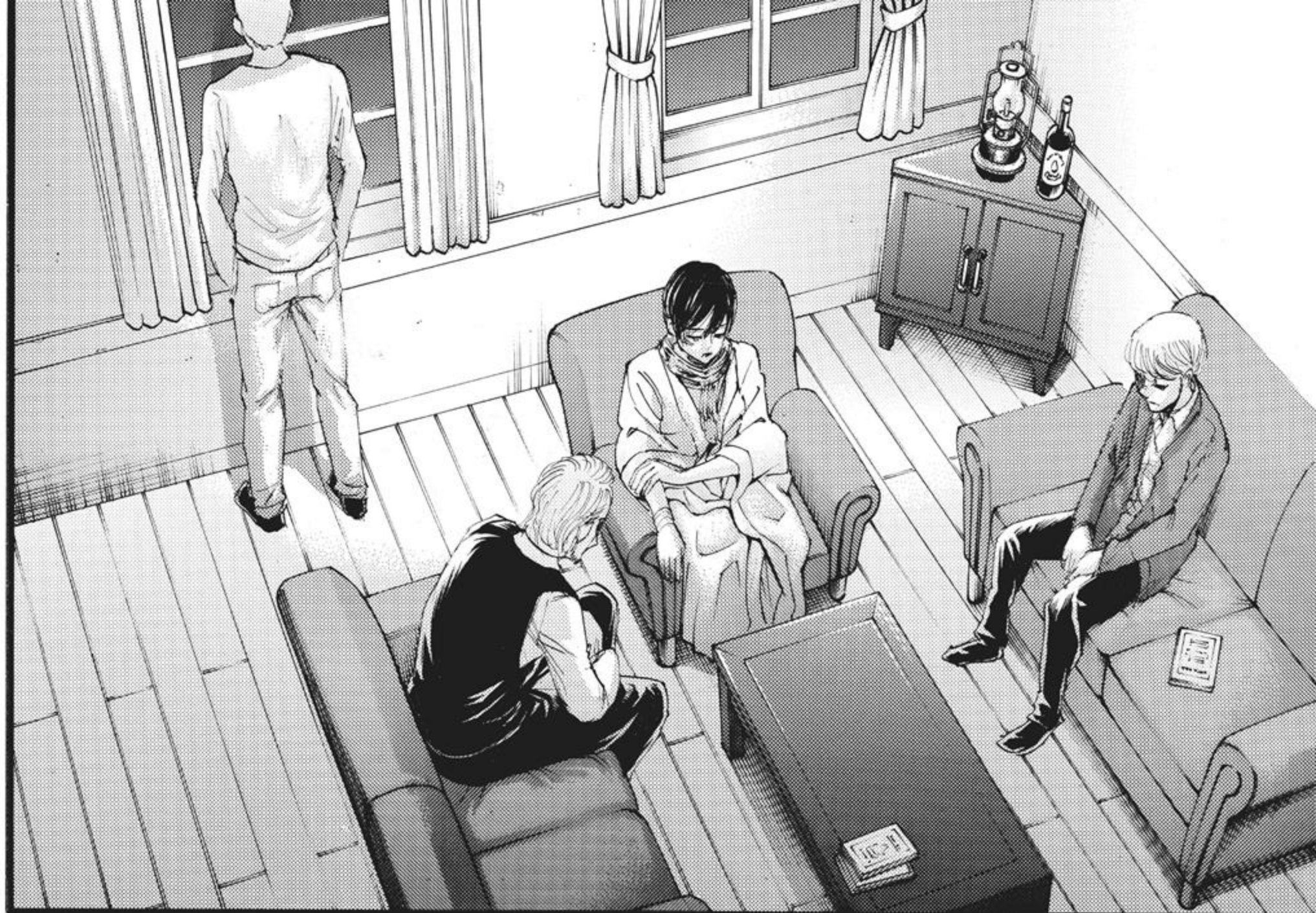
JUST MAKE HER A TITAN... PREGNANT OR NOT.

...IT'S NOT TOO LATE...













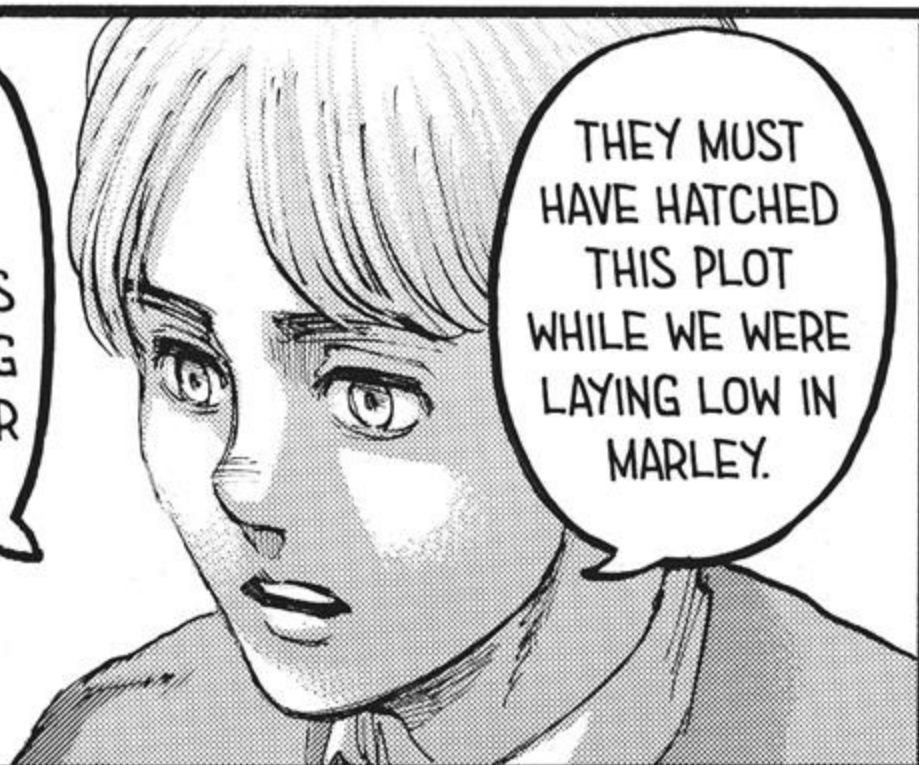
I CAN'T BELIEVE PIXIS WOULD USE THESE STRONG-ARM TACTICS...

I...

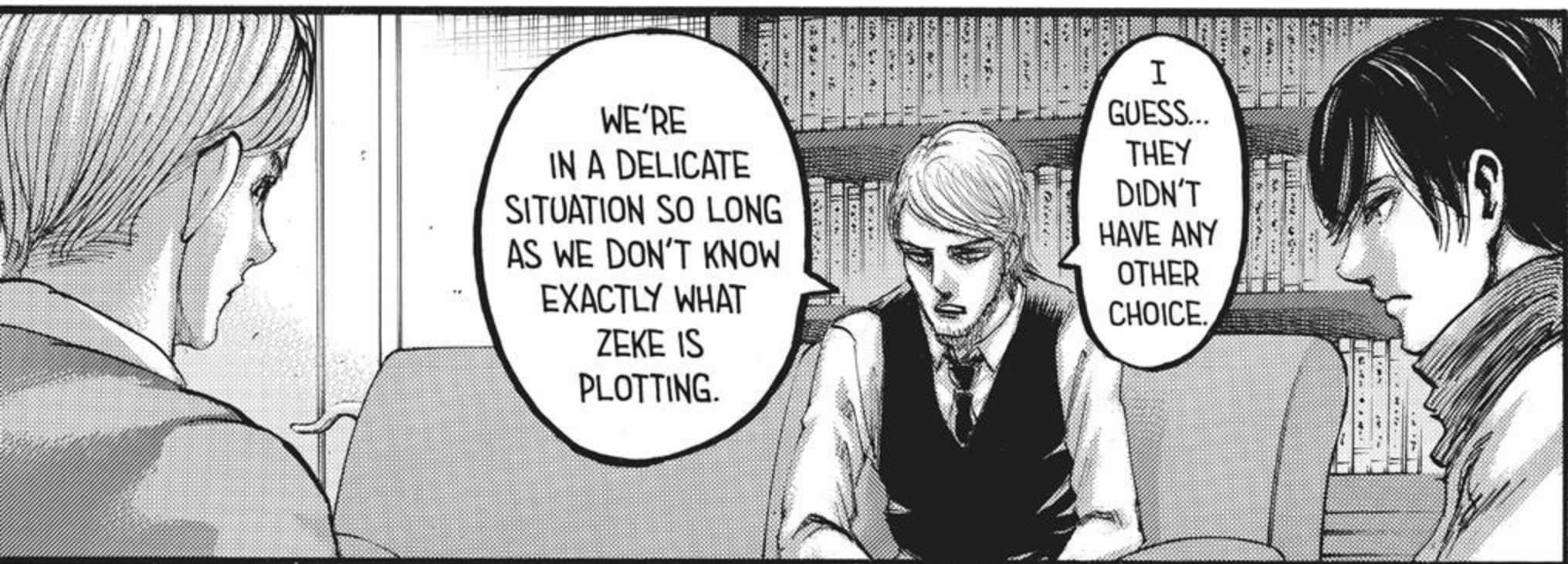


THEY DIDN'T INFORM THE SURVEY CORPS BECAUSE OF OUR CLOSE TIES TO THEM...

THEY'RE BREAKING UP THE VOLUNTEERS AND PUTTING THEM UNDER HOUSE ARREST.



THEY MUST HAVE HATCHED THIS PLOT WHILE WE WERE LAYING LOW IN MARLEY.



WE'RE IN A DELICATE SITUATION SO LONG AS WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT ZEKE IS PLOTTING.

I GUESS... THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE.



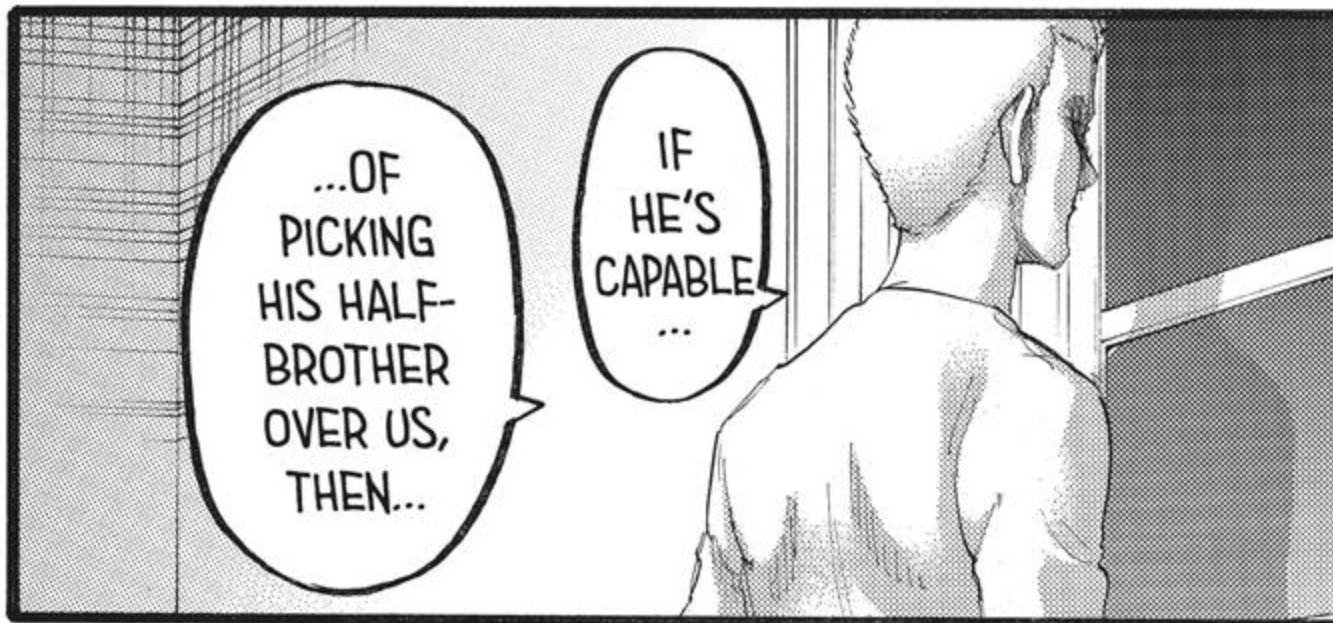
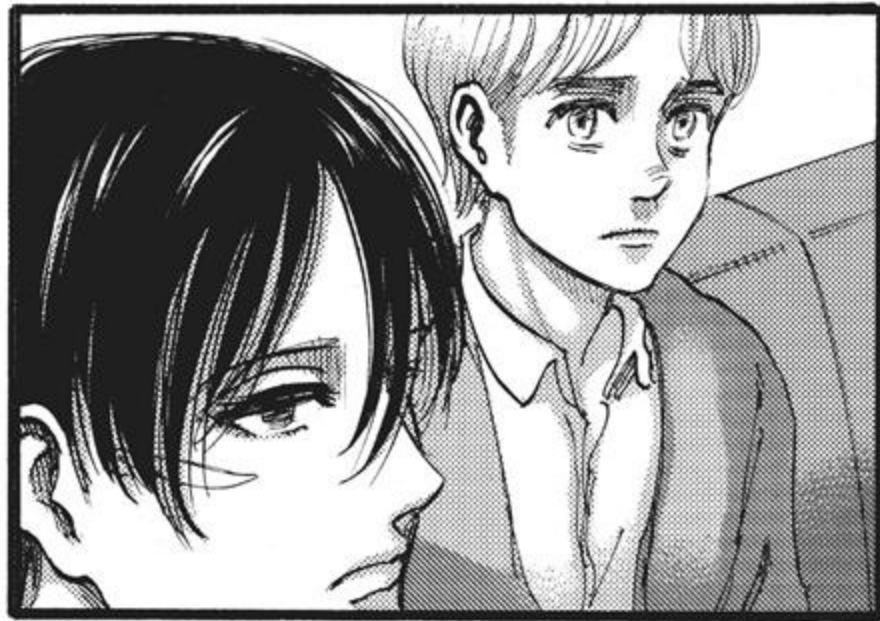
...ONLY THOSE TWO KNOW FOR SURE.



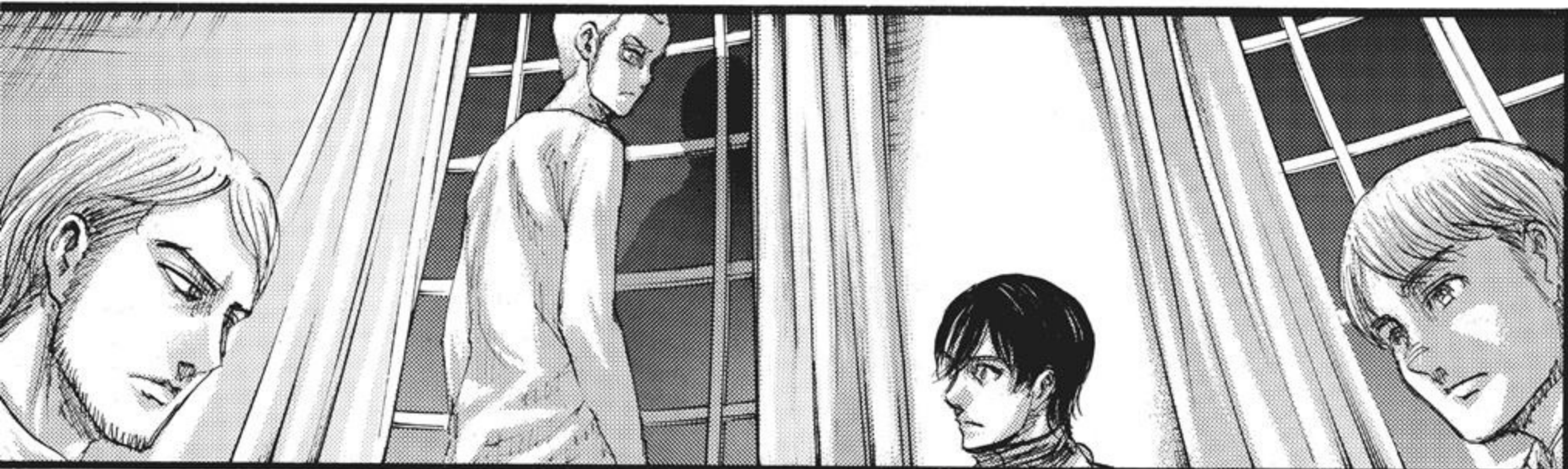
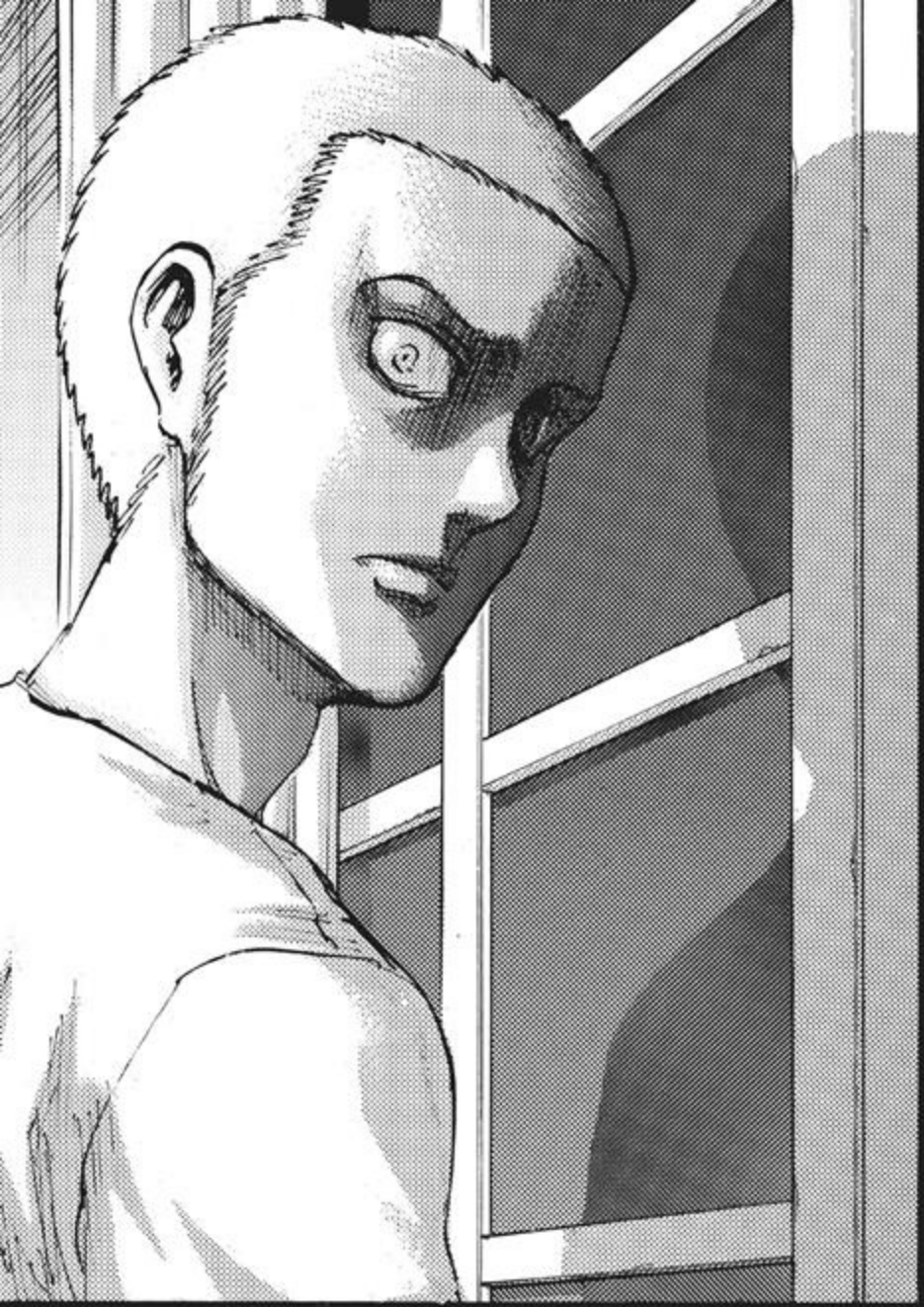
HE DECIDED ON HIS OWN TO CONTACT ZEKE... AND WHAT THEY SPOKE ABOUT...

AND EREN SUDDENLY STARTED GOING ALONG WITH ZEKE'S PLAN.













JUST  
THINK  
BACK...TO  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
A YEAR  
AGO.



...  
NO.

WE  
DON'T.

DO **WE**  
REALLY  
NEED TO  
BE DOING  
THIS?

HEY  
...



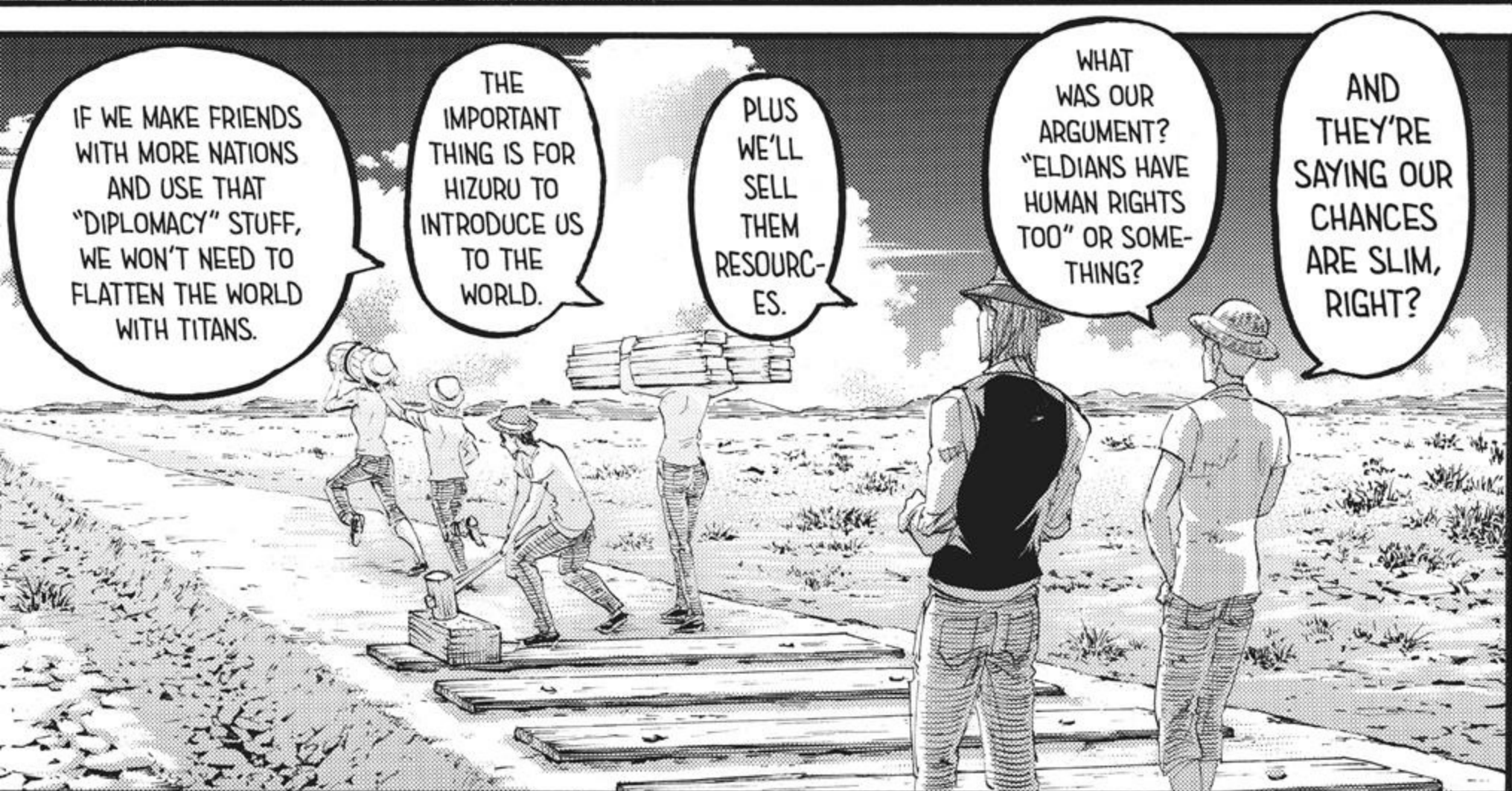
...AND  
SAID THAT  
WE COULD  
TRAIN OUR  
BODIES  
WHILE  
DEVELOPING  
THE  
ISLAND...

IF  
THAT IDIOT  
HADN'T  
OPENED  
HIS STUPID  
MOUTH...

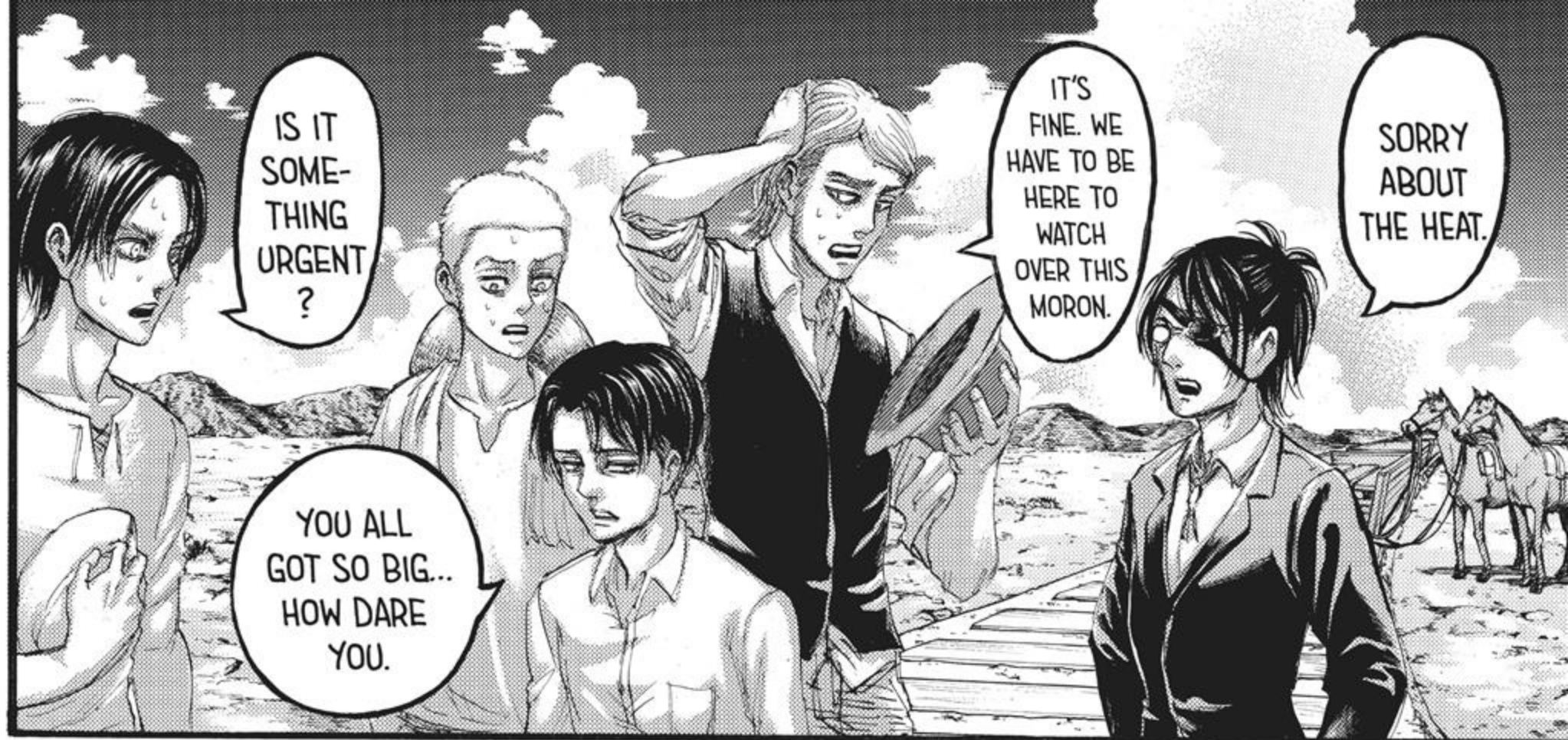


WHACK









IS IT SOME-  
THING  
URGENT  
?

YOU ALL  
GOT SO BIG...  
HOW DARE  
YOU.

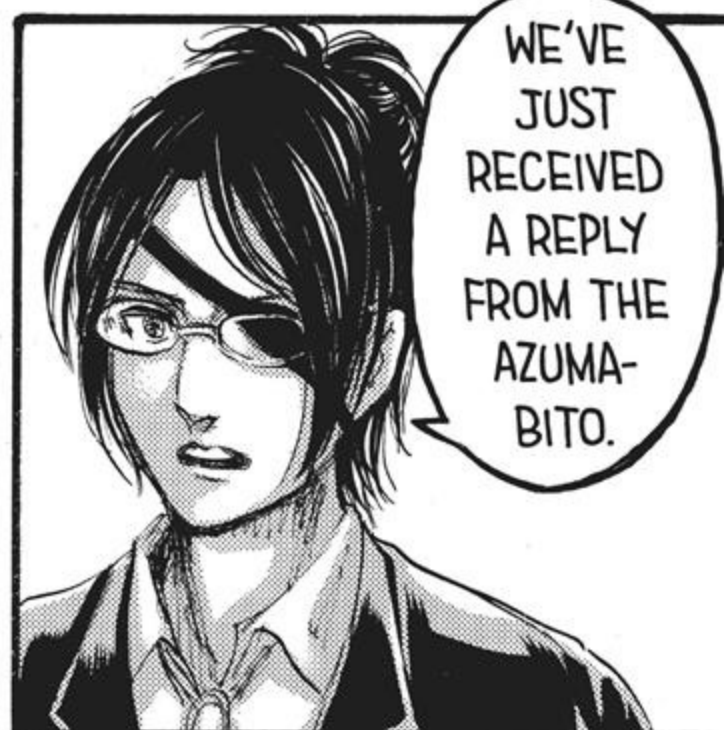
IT'S  
FINE. WE  
HAVE TO BE  
HERE TO  
WATCH  
OVER THIS  
MORON.

SORRY  
ABOUT  
THE HEAT.



AND  
...

!!



WE'VE  
JUST  
RECEIVED  
A REPLY  
FROM THE  
AZUMA-  
BITO.



LOOKS  
LIKE HIZURU  
CAME UP  
EMPTY-  
HANDED.

NO  
GOOD  
...





...BUT  
THEY'RE  
CONSIDERED  
FREAKS. NO  
ONE WILL  
TAKE THEM  
SERIOUSLY.

SURE,  
THERE ARE  
ORGANIZATIONS  
WHO WANT TO  
PROTECT THE  
RIGHTS OF  
ELDIANS...

THEY'RE  
NOT GOING  
TO HELP  
US TRADE  
WITH OTHER  
NATIONS.

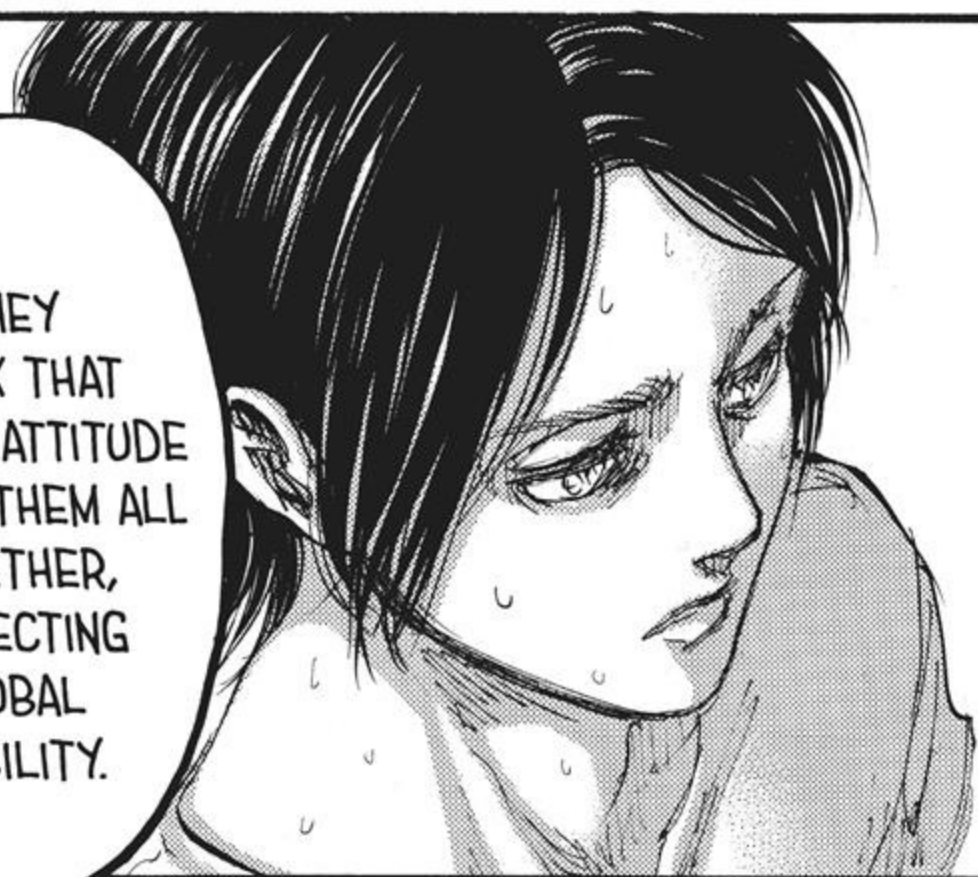
HIZURU  
WAS INTERESTED  
IN KEEPING OUR  
RESOURCES ALL  
FOR THEM-  
SELVES.

I  
KNEW  
IT...



THEY  
THINK THAT  
SHARED ATTITUDE  
BRINGS THEM ALL  
TOGETHER,  
PROTECTING  
GLOBAL  
STABILITY.

IN FACT,  
THE WORLD  
**NEEDS** PARADIS  
TO BE THE ROOT  
OF ALL EVIL...







...AND THAT  
WE HAVE NO  
CHOICE BUT  
TO SACRIFICE  
HISTORIA?

SO...  
DOES THAT  
MEAN WE JUST  
HAVE TO RELY  
ON THE EARTH-  
SHAKING...

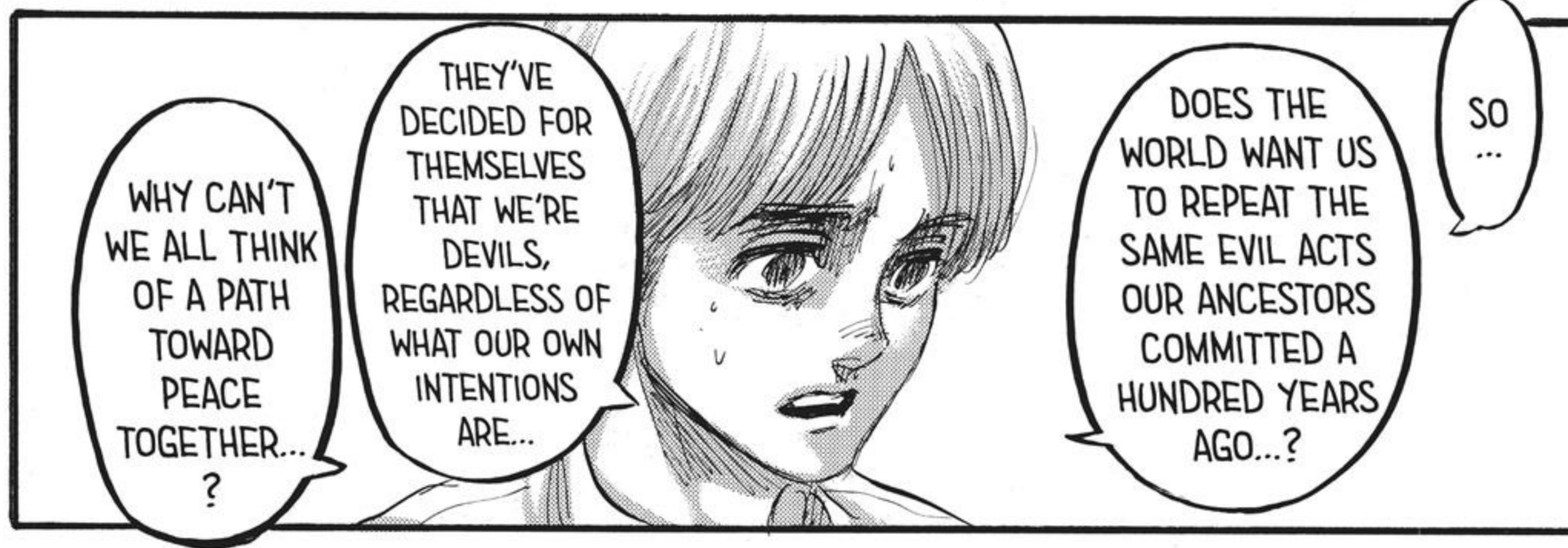


THAT'S  
...



IT'S IN OUR  
TREATY WITH  
HIZURU THAT WE'LL  
ENTER INTO A  
MILITARY ALLIANCE  
BACKED BY THE  
EARTH-SHAKING.

...IT  
DOES.



WHY CAN'T  
WE ALL THINK  
OF A PATH  
TOWARD  
PEACE  
TOGETHER...  
?

THEY'VE  
DECIDED FOR  
THEMSELVES  
THAT WE'RE  
DEVILS,  
REGARDLESS OF  
WHAT OUR OWN  
INTENTIONS  
ARE...

DOES THE  
WORLD WANT US  
TO REPEAT THE  
SAME EVIL ACTS  
OUR ANCESTORS  
COMMITTED A  
HUNDRED YEARS  
AGO...?

SO  
...



THEY  
DON'T  
KNOW WHO  
WE ARE, SO  
THEY'RE  
SCARED  
OF US.

...  
PROB-  
ABLY  
...

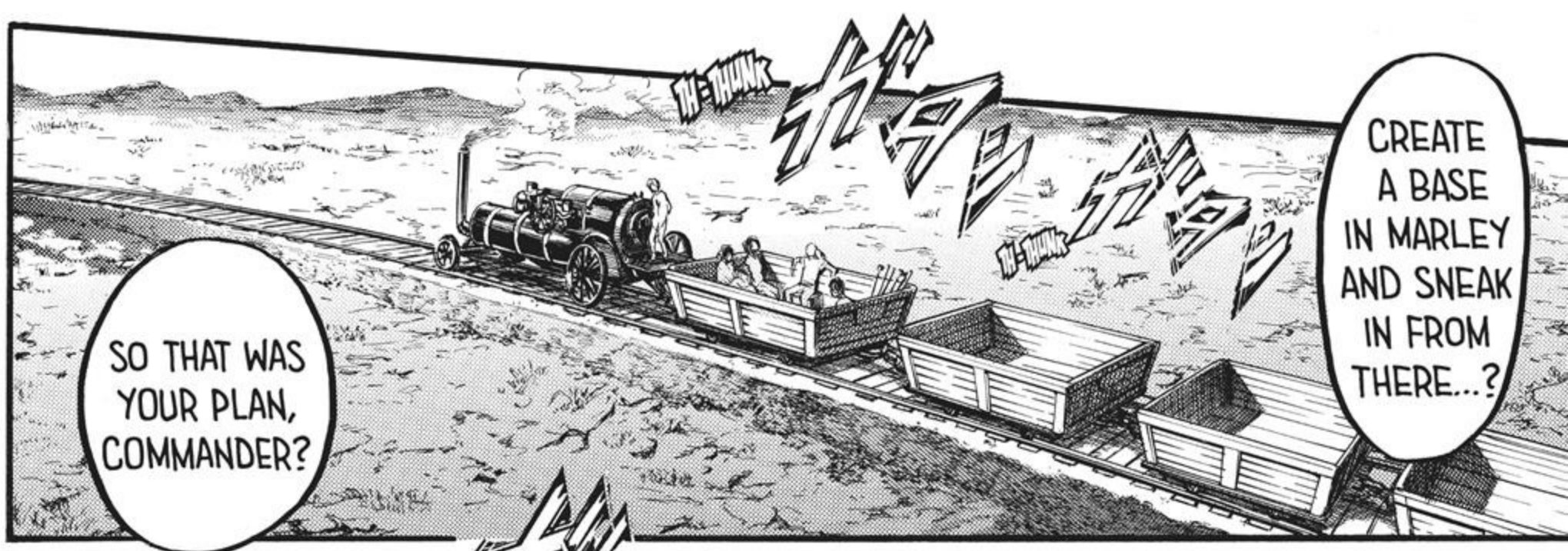
...  
BECAUSE  
THEY  
DON'T  
KNOW.





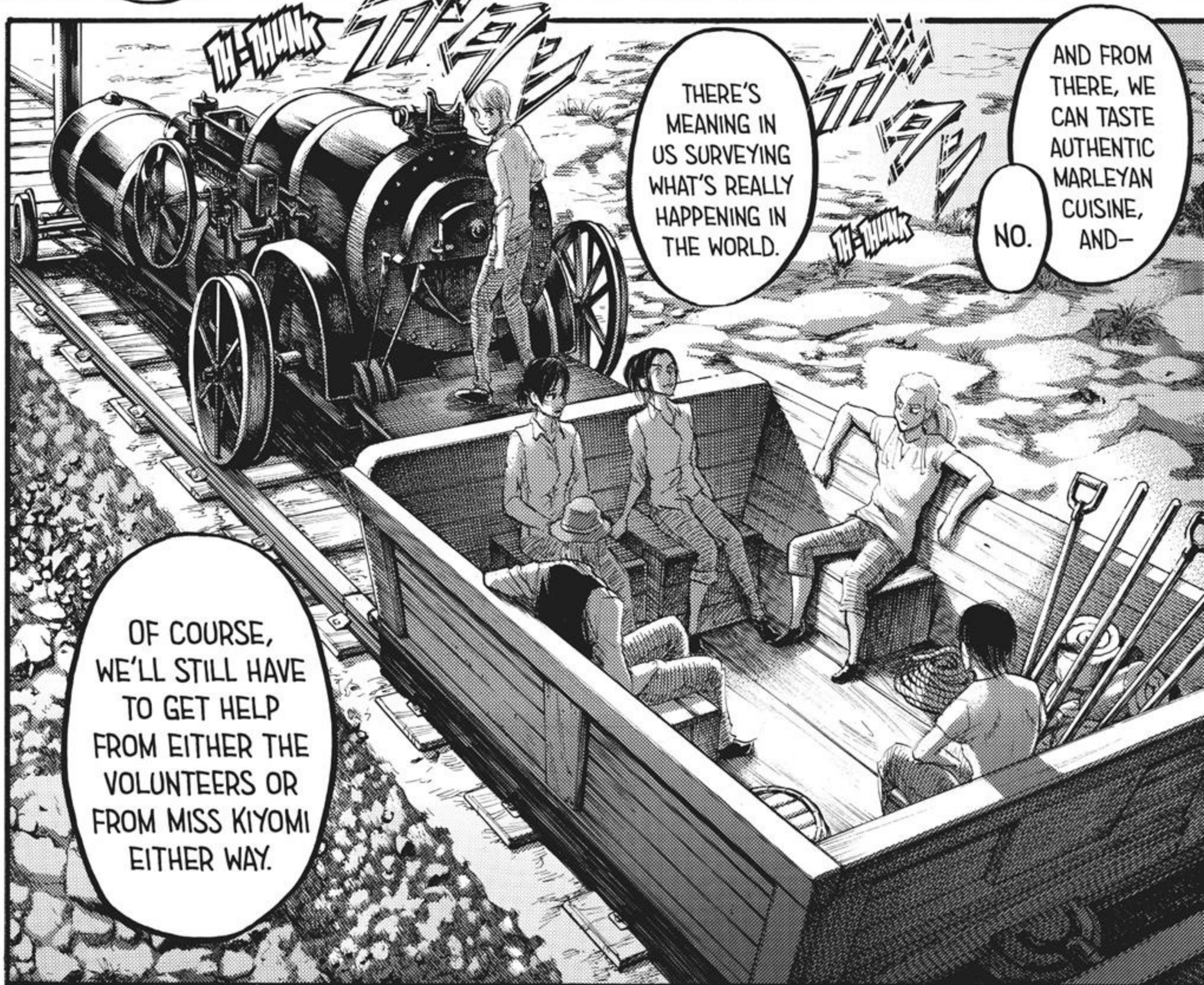






SO THAT WAS  
YOUR PLAN,  
COMMANDER?

CREATE  
A BASE  
IN MARLEY  
AND SNEAK  
IN FROM  
THERE...?



THERE'S  
MEANING IN  
US SURVEYING  
WHAT'S REALLY  
HAPPENING IN  
THE WORLD.

AND FROM  
THERE, WE  
CAN TASTE  
AUTHENTIC  
MARLEYAN  
CUISINE, AND—

NO.

OF COURSE,  
WE'LL STILL HAVE  
TO GET HELP  
FROM EITHER THE  
VOLUNTEERS OR  
FROM MISS KIYOMI  
EITHER WAY.



NICCOLO  
SAID THEY  
HAVE LOTS  
OF KINDS OF  
ALCOHOL,  
RIGHT?

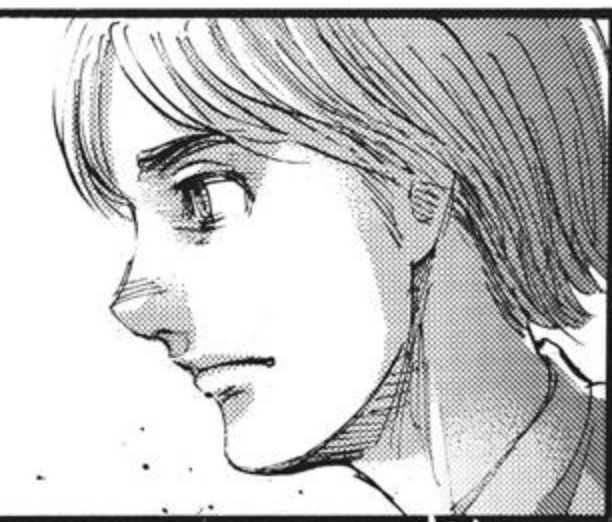
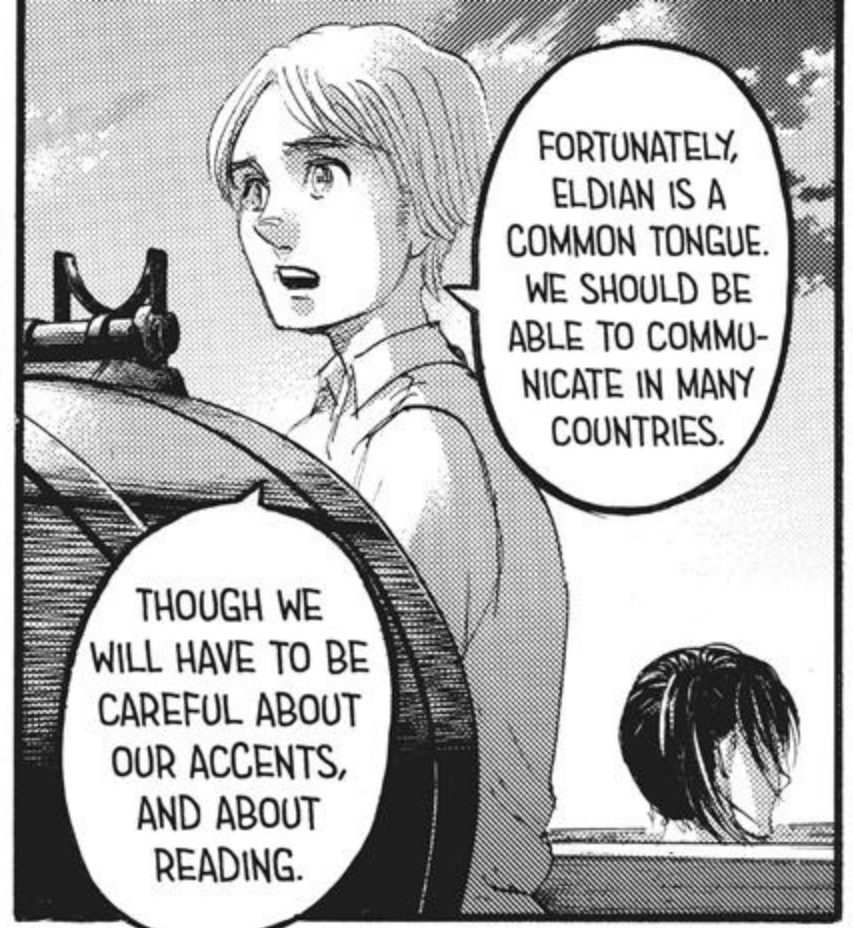
WERE  
YOU LISTEN-  
ING AT  
ALL?

ANT-  
ACIDS,  
A TOOTH-  
BRUSH...  
AND A  
SNACK  
THAT  
TASTES  
OF  
HOME.

HOPE  
I DON'T  
GET A  
STOMACH  
BUG.

HUH,  
WHAT  
SHOULD  
I  
BRING?









I  
ONLY HAVE  
FIVE AND  
CHANGE...



WHO'S  
GOING TO  
INHERIT  
MY TITAN.



WE NEED  
TO DECIDE  
SOON.



YOU'RE  
HALF-EASTERN,  
TOO. WE DON'T  
EVEN KNOW  
IF YOU CAN  
BECOME A  
TITAN, RIGHT?

WE STILL  
DON'T KNOW  
WHAT THE  
ACKERMAN  
FAMILY IS.



YOU  
KNOW  
YOU  
CAN'T.

I  
WILL.

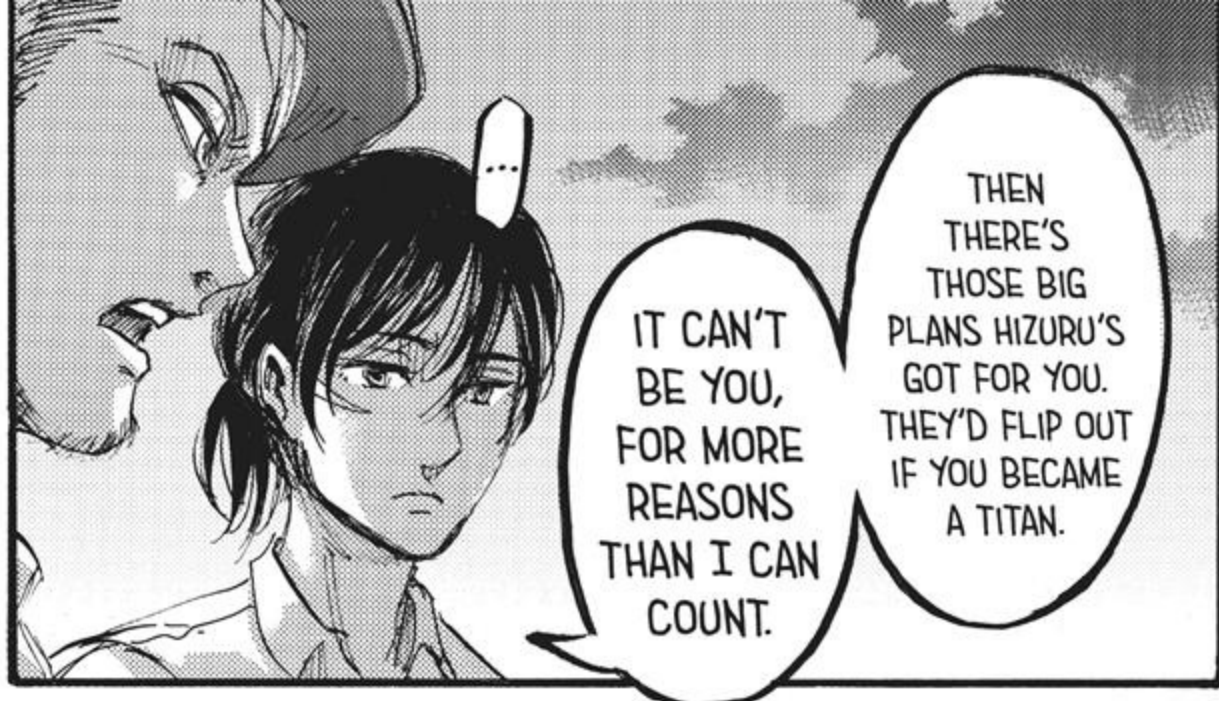




JEAN'S  
RIGHT.



...THEN  
WHO  
ELSE?



IT CAN'T  
BE YOU,  
FOR MORE  
REASONS  
THAN I CAN  
COUNT.

THEN  
THERE'S  
THOSE BIG  
PLANS HIZURU'S  
GOT FOR YOU.  
THEY'D FLIP OUT  
IF YOU BECAME  
A TITAN.



ME.



I'M NO SUICIDAL  
BUTTHEAD. I'LL ALWAYS BE  
ABLE TO USE MY EXCELLENT  
POWERS OF JUDGEMENT NO  
MATTER THE SITUATION. I'M  
A RARE SPECIMEN WHO CAN  
CARRY OUT ALL THE DUTIES  
THAT'D BE NEEDED  
OF ME.

FIRST  
OFF, I'M  
WAY  
SMARTER  
THAN  
EREN.



...BUT  
REALLY,  
WHO  
BETTER  
THAN ME?

GETTING  
A HAND-ME-  
DOWN FROM  
EREN IS  
ANNOYING...

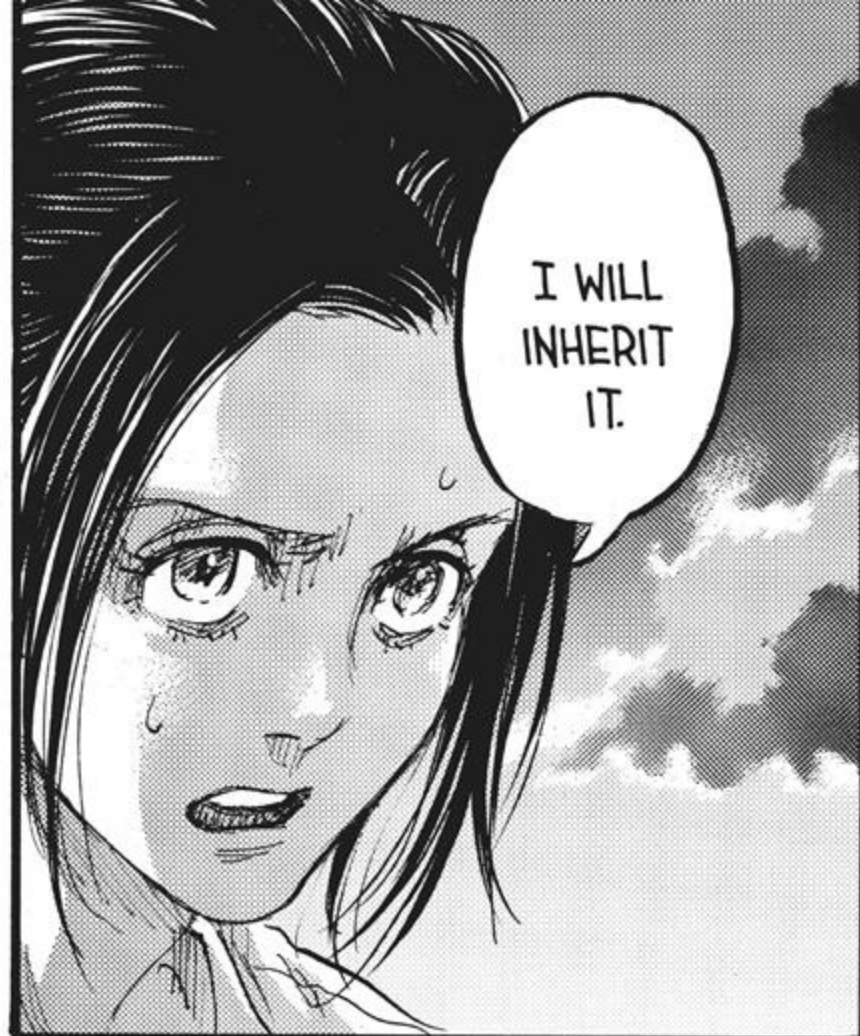
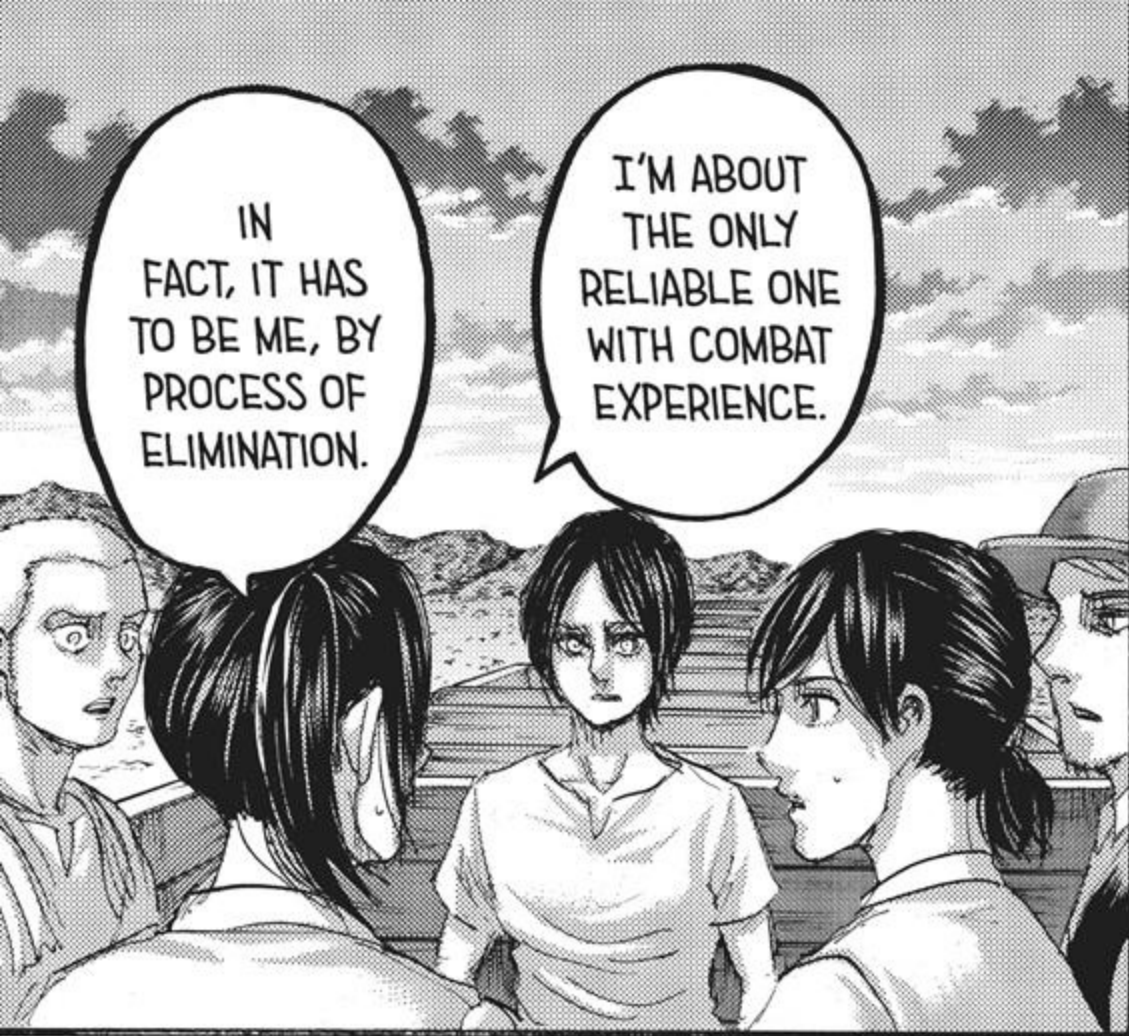


THAT'S  
RIGHT,  
ME.

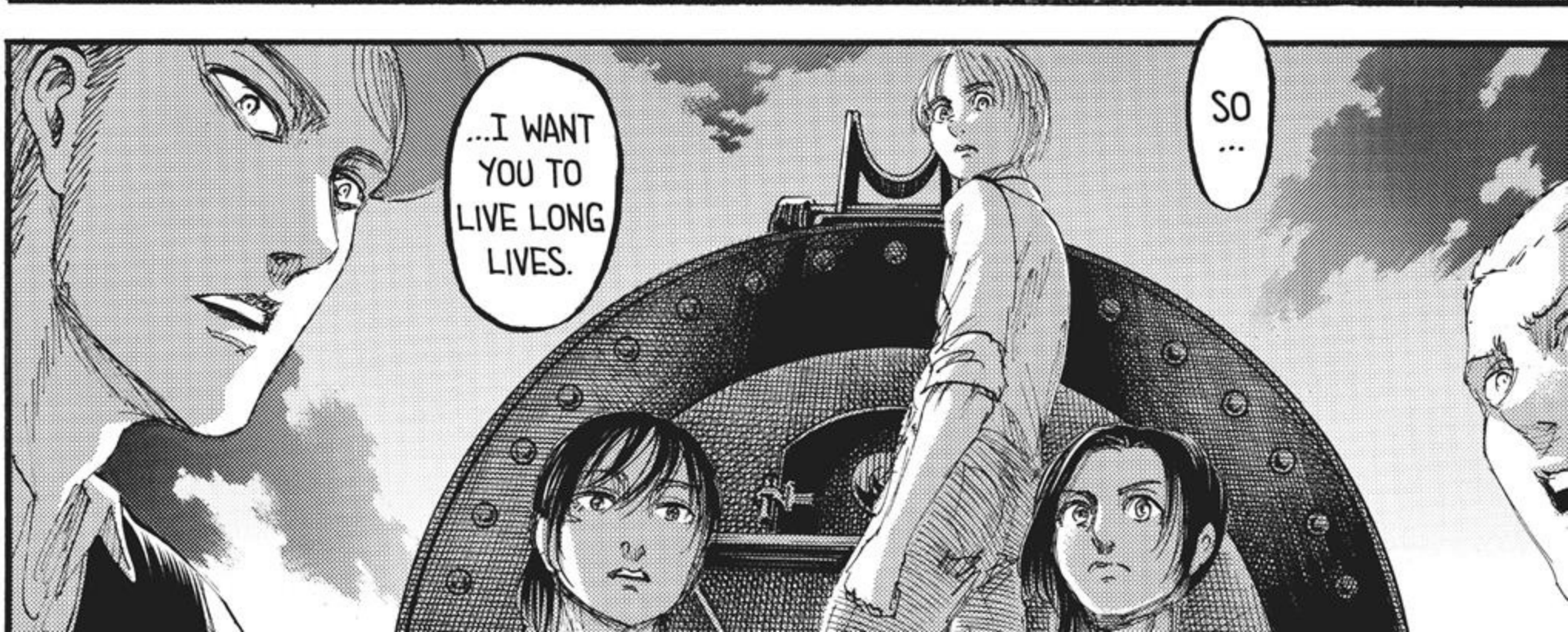




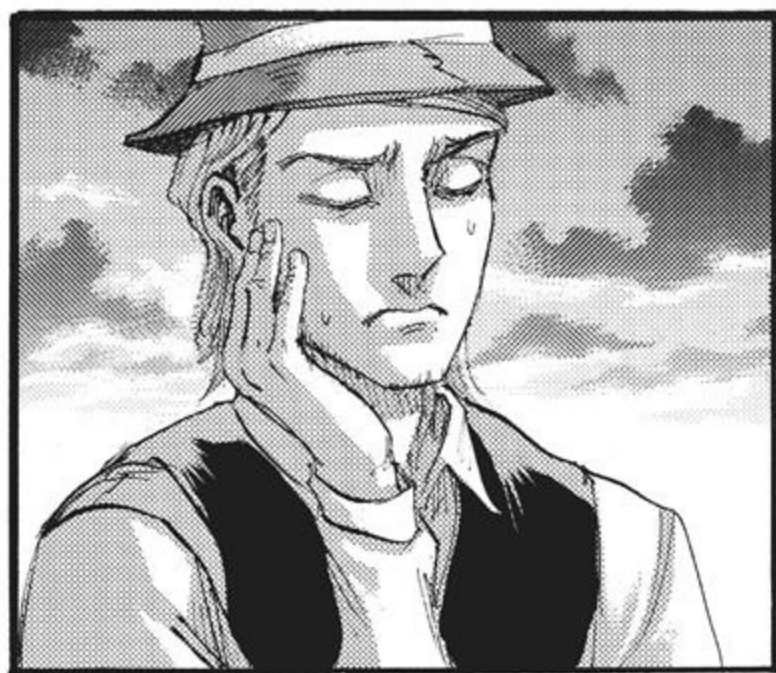
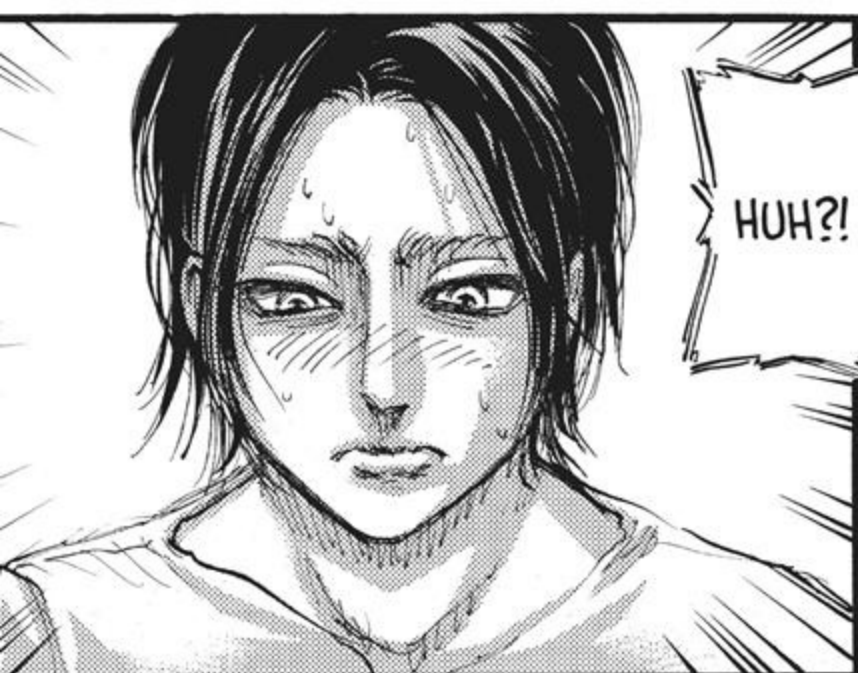
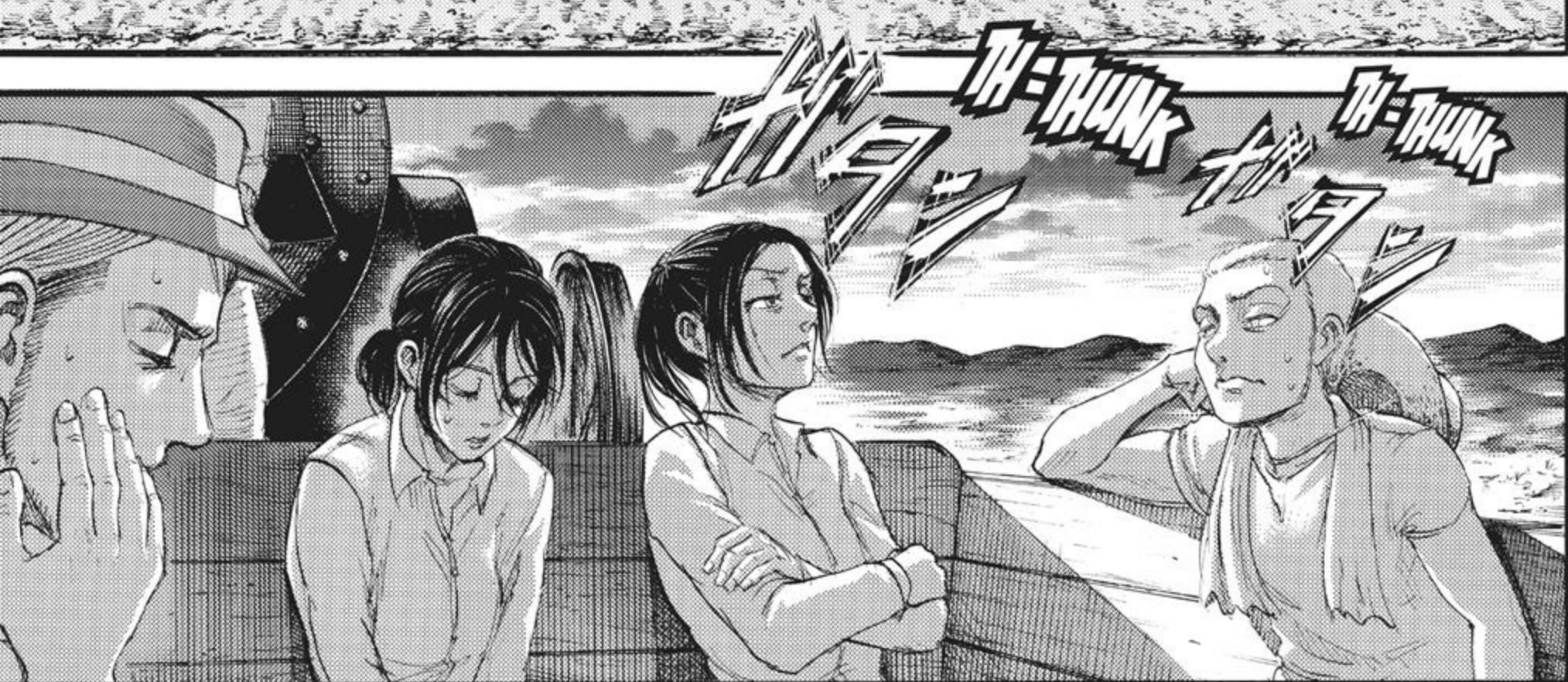
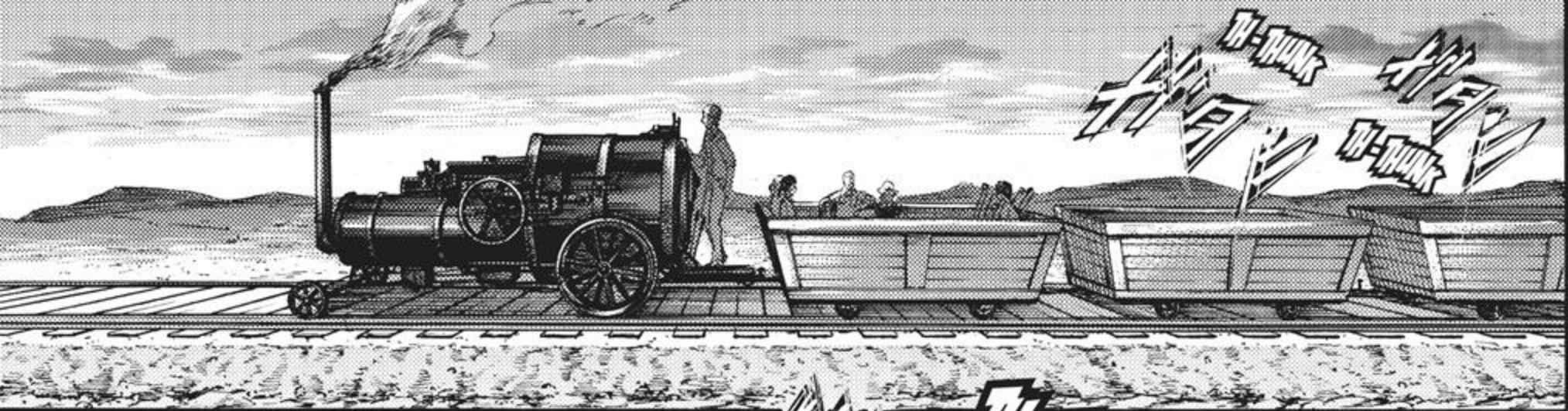




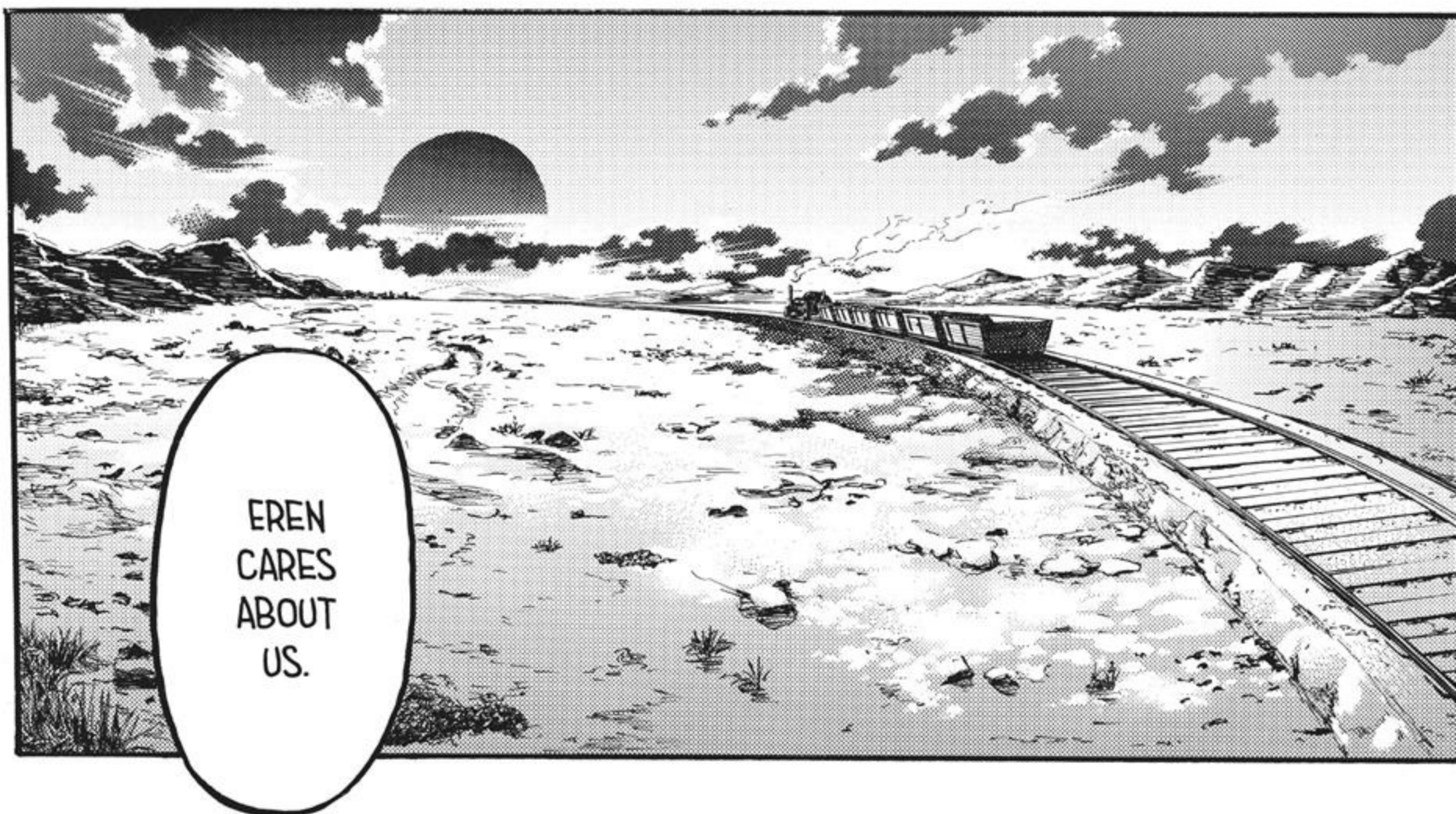
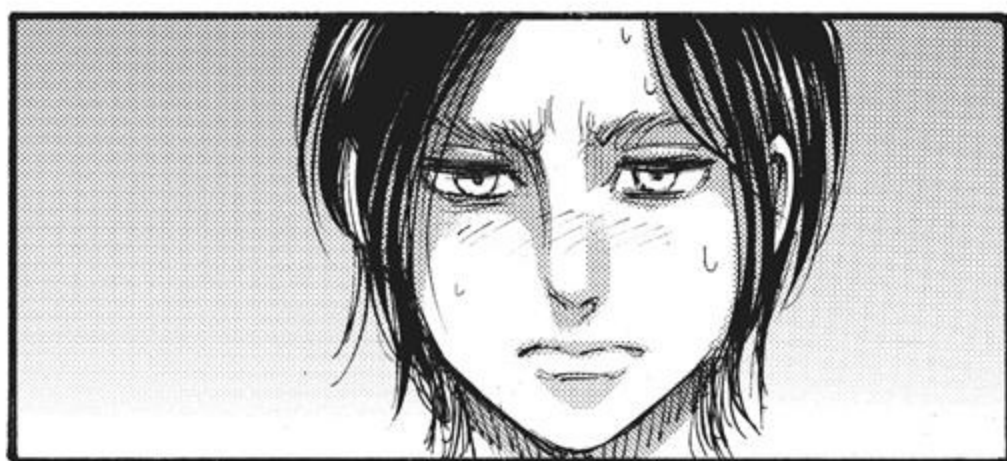




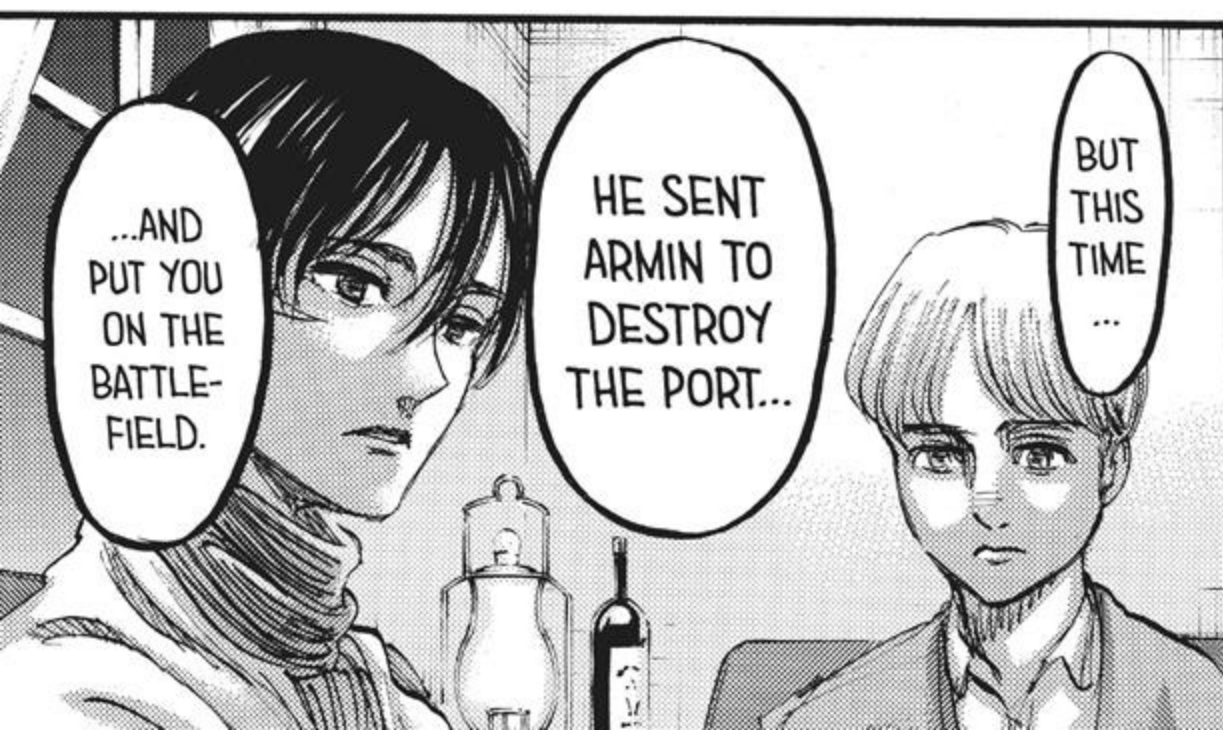
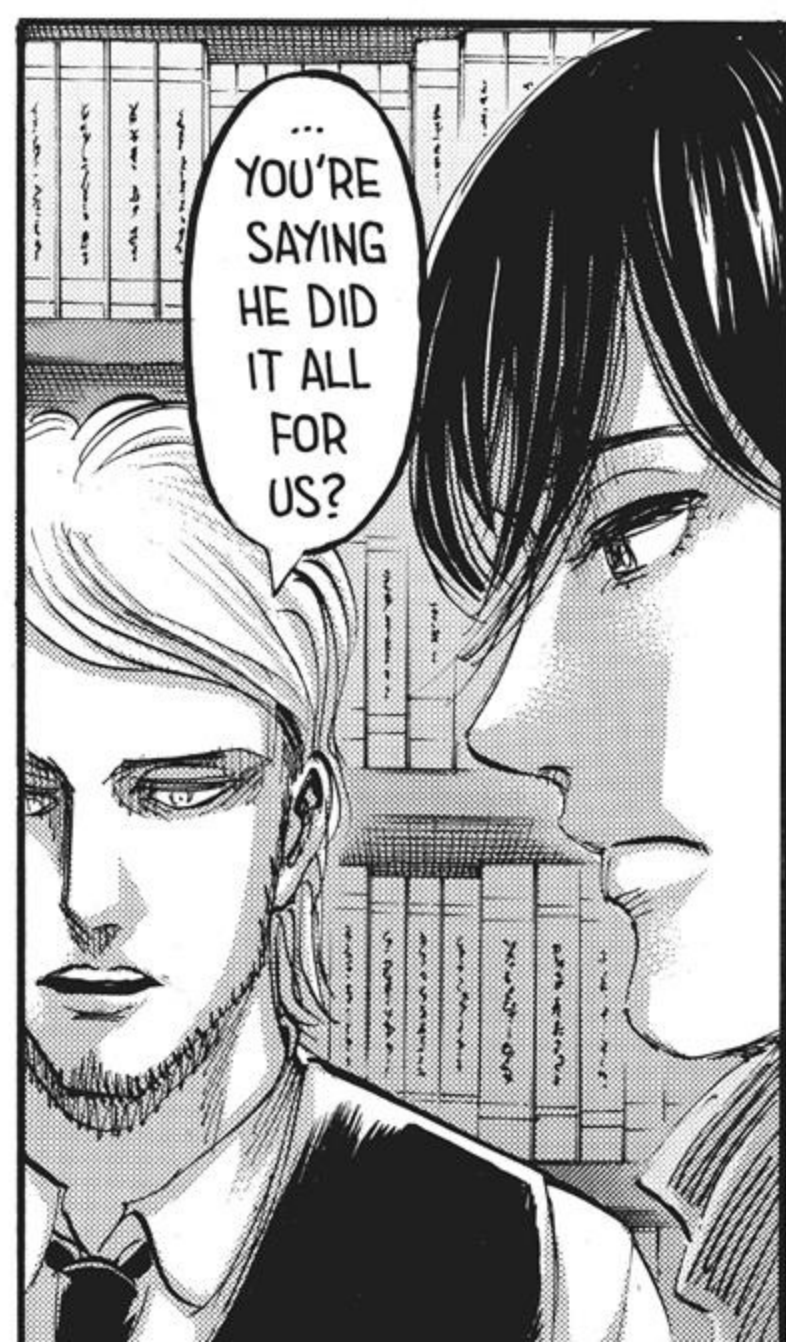
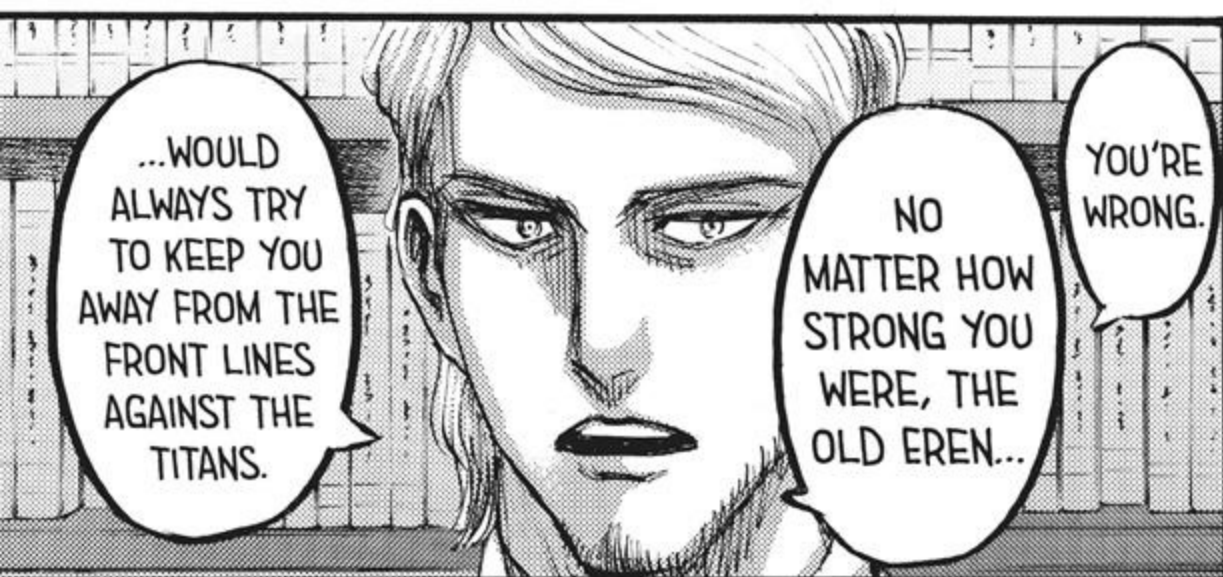
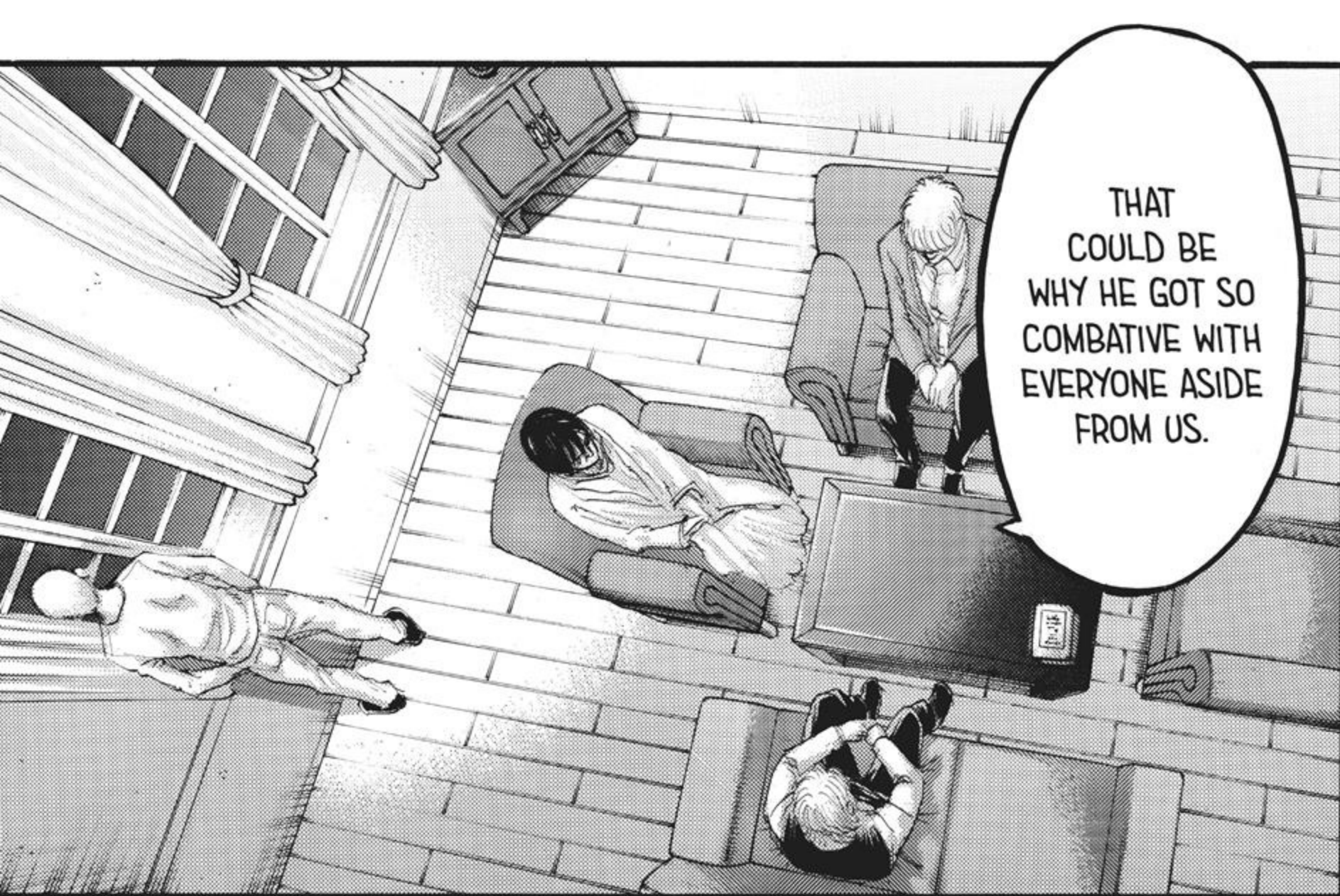








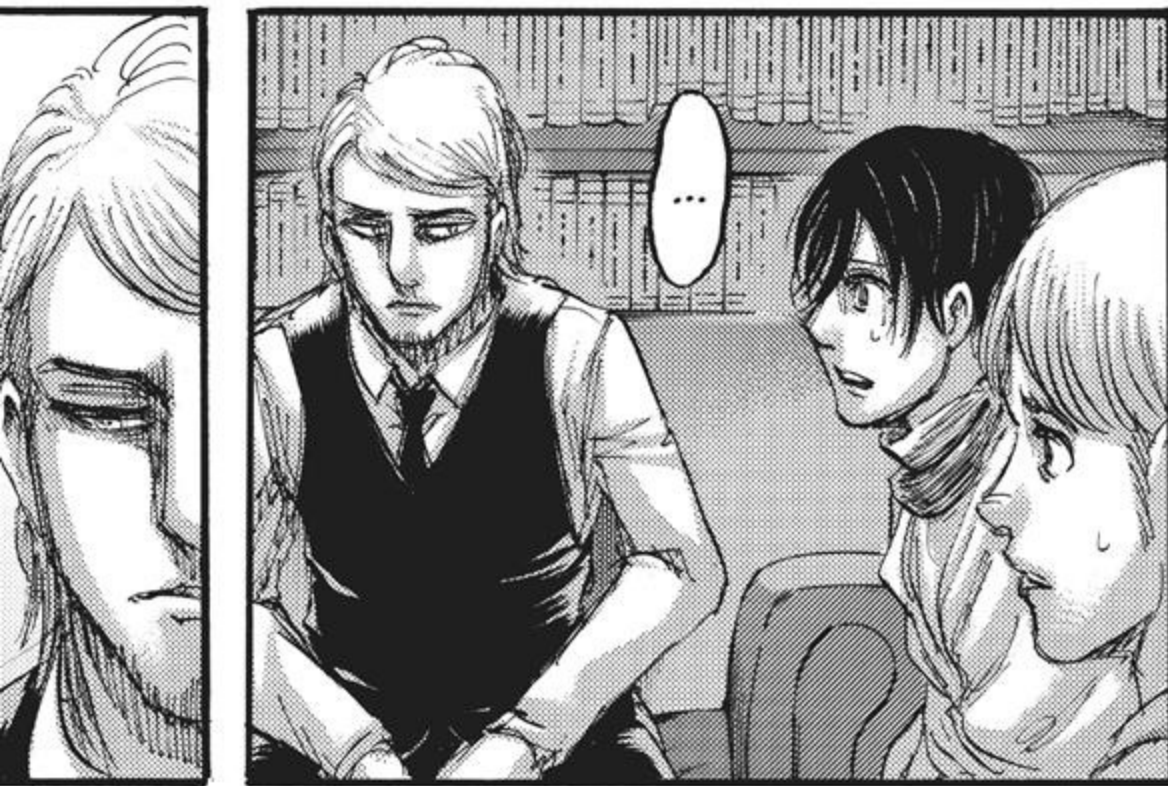
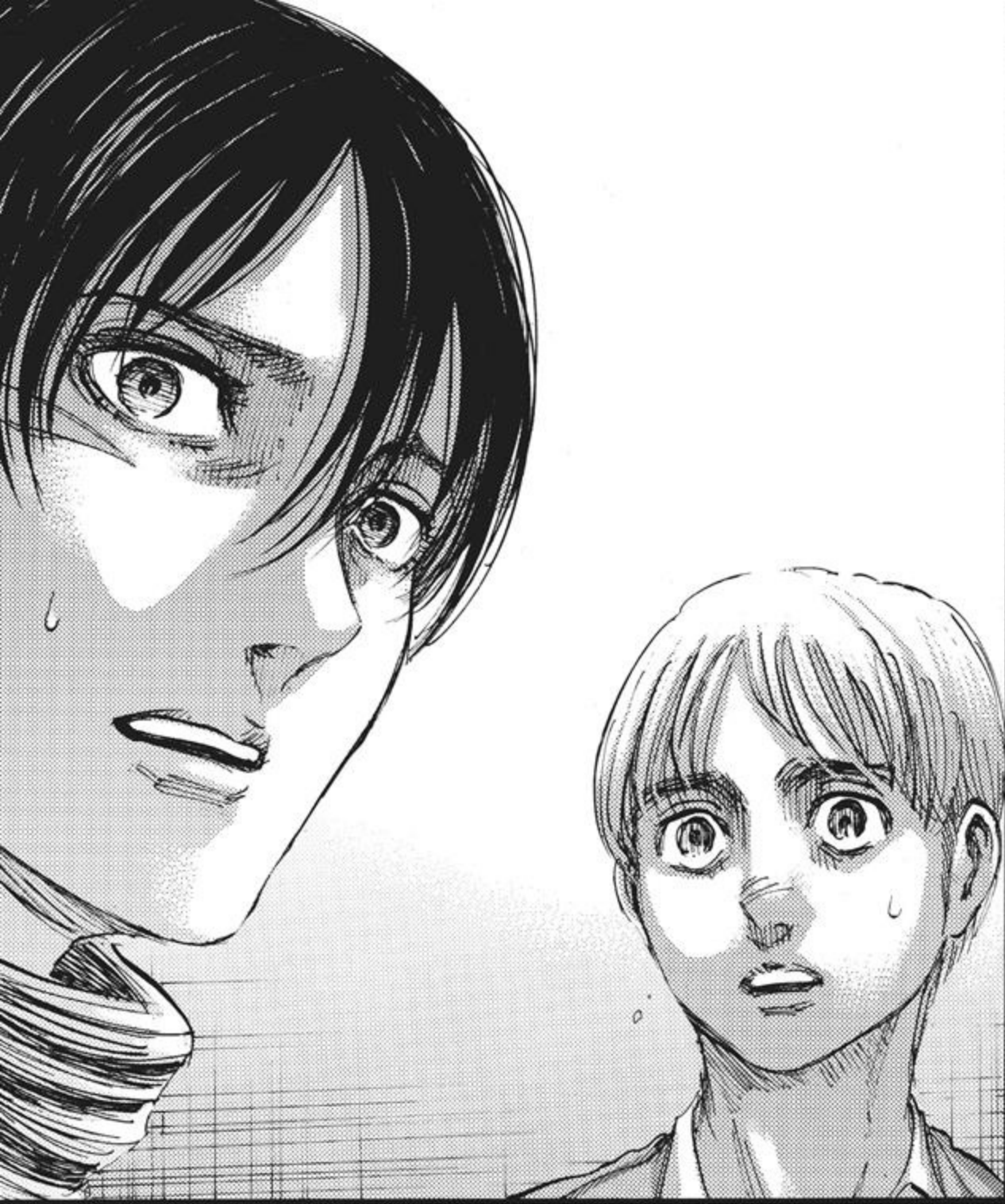
















WE'LL  
TALK TO  
EREN.



....AND  
WHAT'S A  
**DISCUS-  
SION**  
GOING  
TO DO?



WE'LL  
FINAGLE OUR  
WAY INTO A  
DISCUSSION  
WITH HIM.

JUST  
ME,  
MIKASA,  
AND  
HIM...



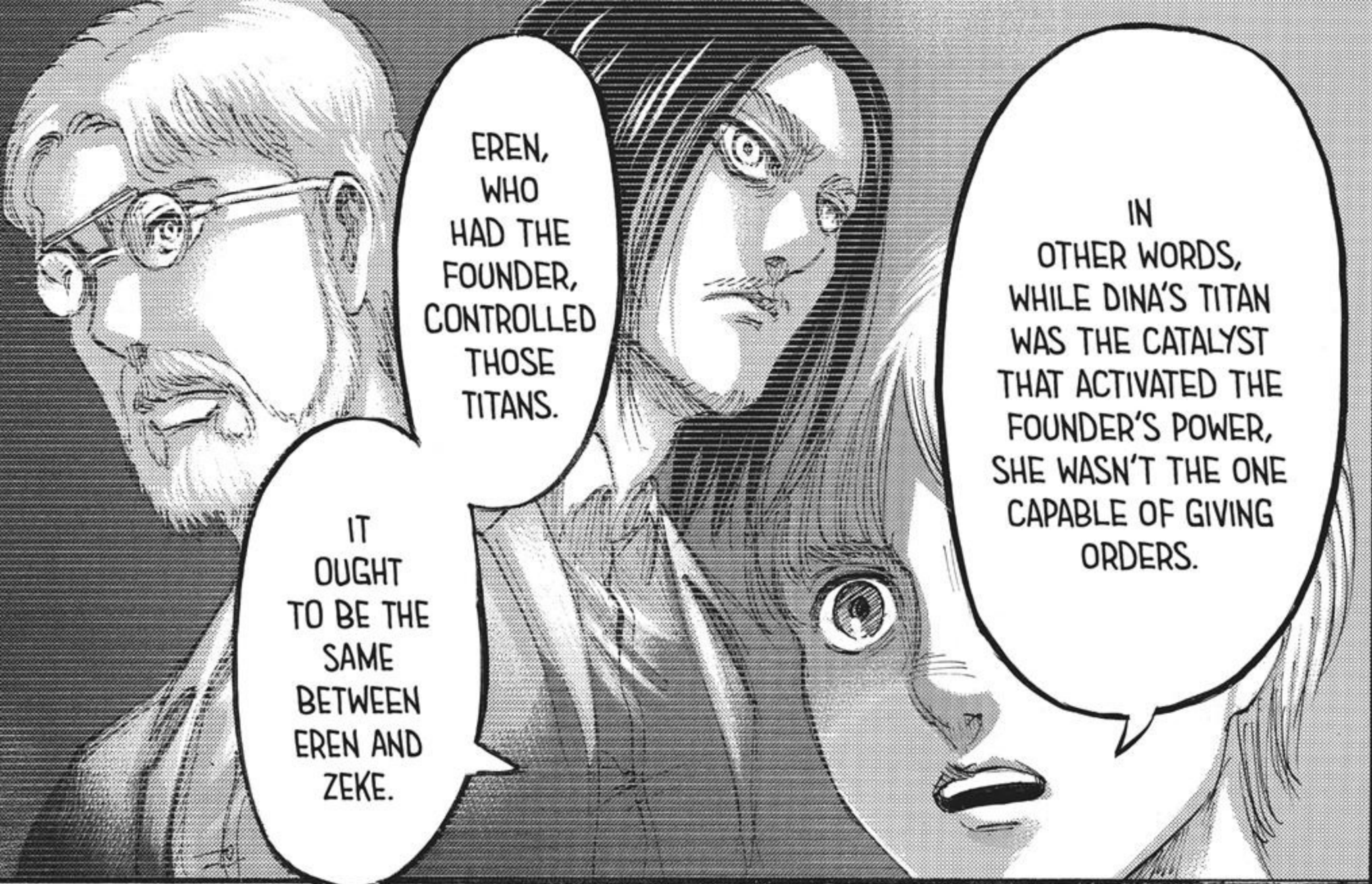
...DINA,  
A TITAN WITH  
ROYAL BLOOD,  
WAS EATEN BY  
A SWARM OF  
TITANS.

THE  
ONE TIME  
IN THE PAST  
THAT EREN  
USED THE  
FOUNDER'S  
POWER...

THAT  
WASN'T  
DINA'S WILL,  
IT WAS WHAT  
**EREN**  
WANTED.







EREN,  
WHO  
HAD THE  
FOUNDER,  
CONTROLLED  
THOSE  
TITANS.

IT  
OUGHT  
TO BE THE  
SAME  
BETWEEN  
EREN AND  
ZEKE.

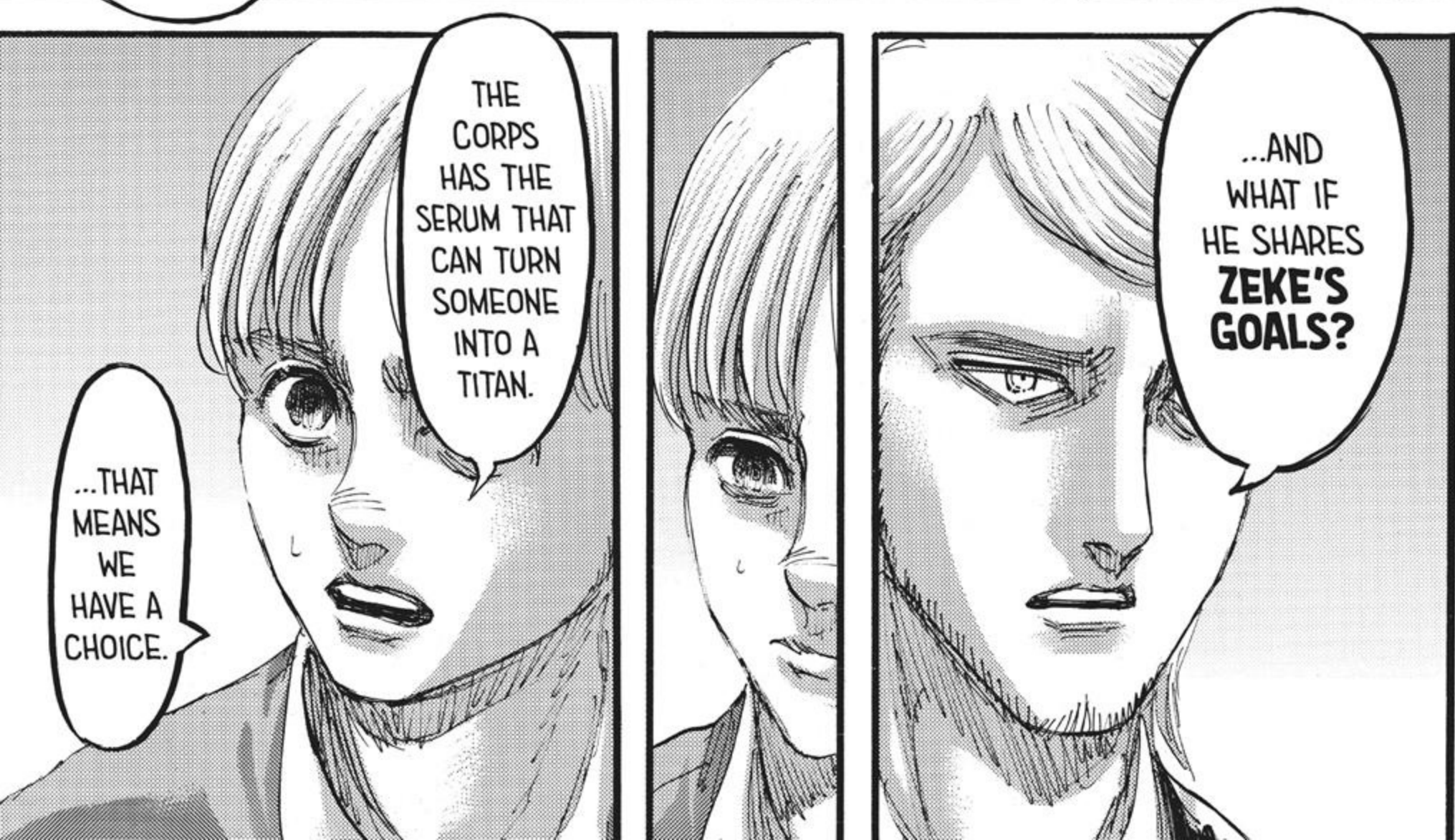
IN  
OTHER WORDS,  
WHILE DINA'S TITAN  
WAS THE CATALYST  
THAT ACTIVATED THE  
FOUNDER'S POWER,  
SHE WASN'T THE ONE  
CAPABLE OF GIVING  
ORDERS.



EREN'S  
THE ONE WHO  
DECIDES WHAT  
HAPPENS. AS  
LONG AS HE  
SHARES OUR  
GOALS, THERE'S  
NO PROBLEM.

WHATEVER  
ZEKE MIGHT  
BE PLANNING, IT  
WON'T HAPPEN  
UNLESS IT'S WHAT  
EREN WANTS,  
TOO.

IN  
THAT  
CASE  
...



...THAT  
MEANS  
WE  
HAVE A  
CHOICE.

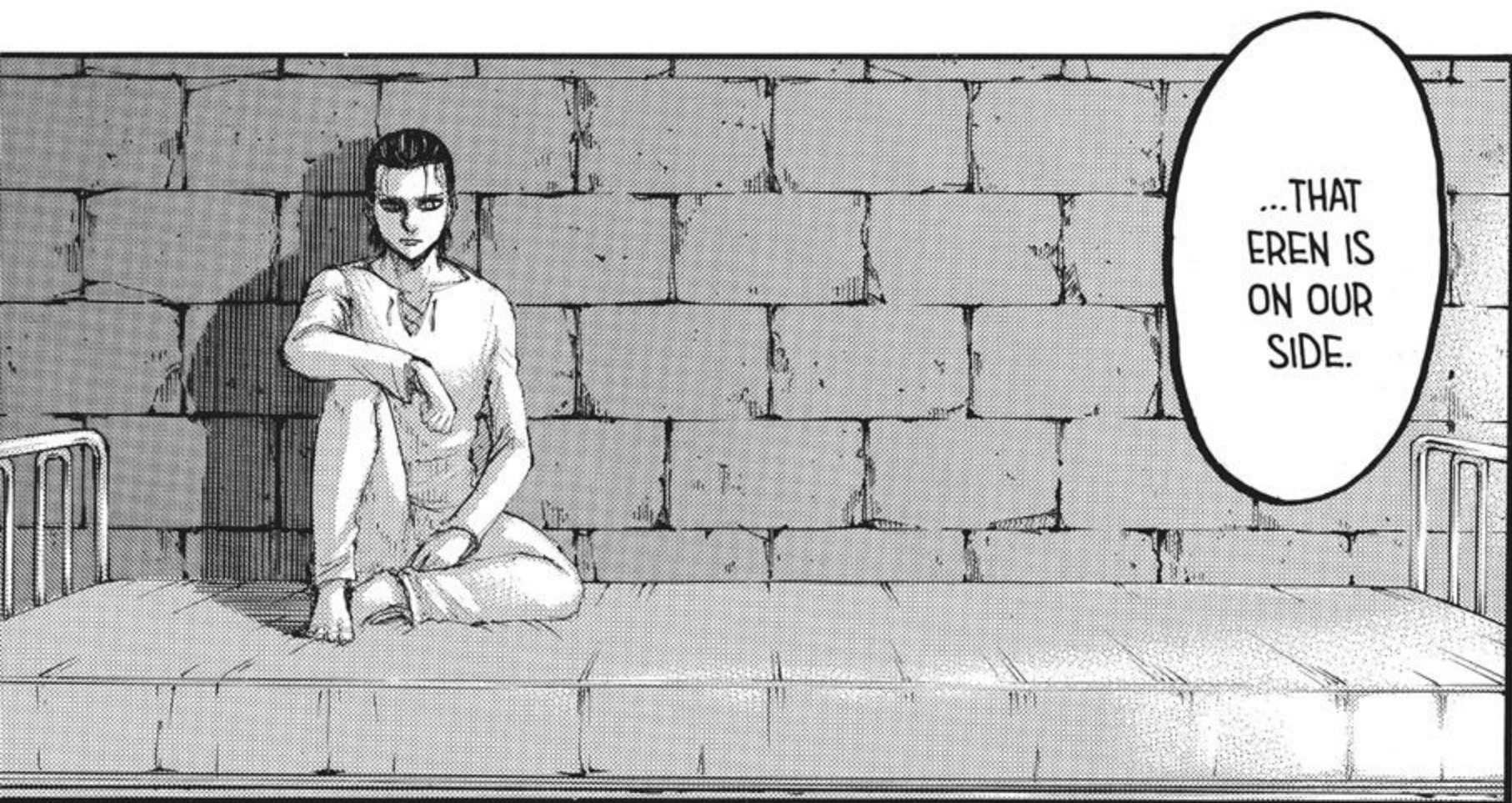
THE  
CORPS  
HAS THE  
SERUM THAT  
CAN TURN  
SOMEONE  
INTO A  
TITAN.

...AND  
WHAT IF  
HE SHARES  
**ZEKE'S  
GOALS?**

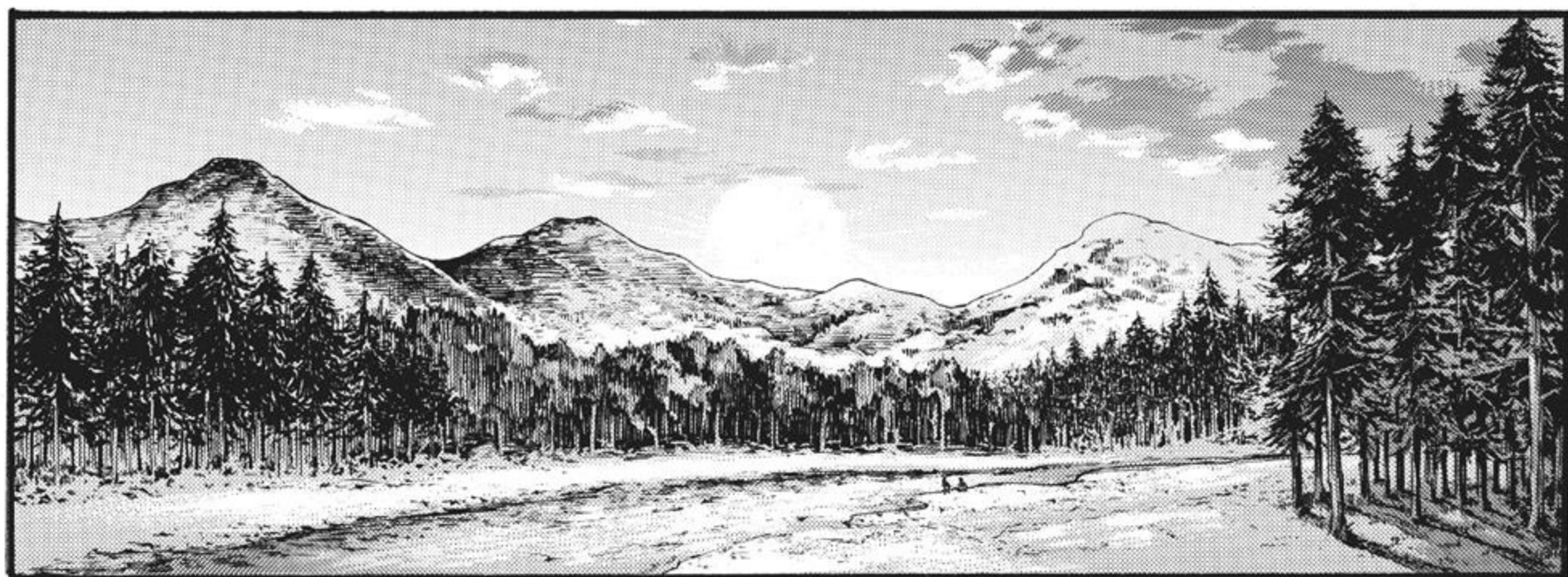




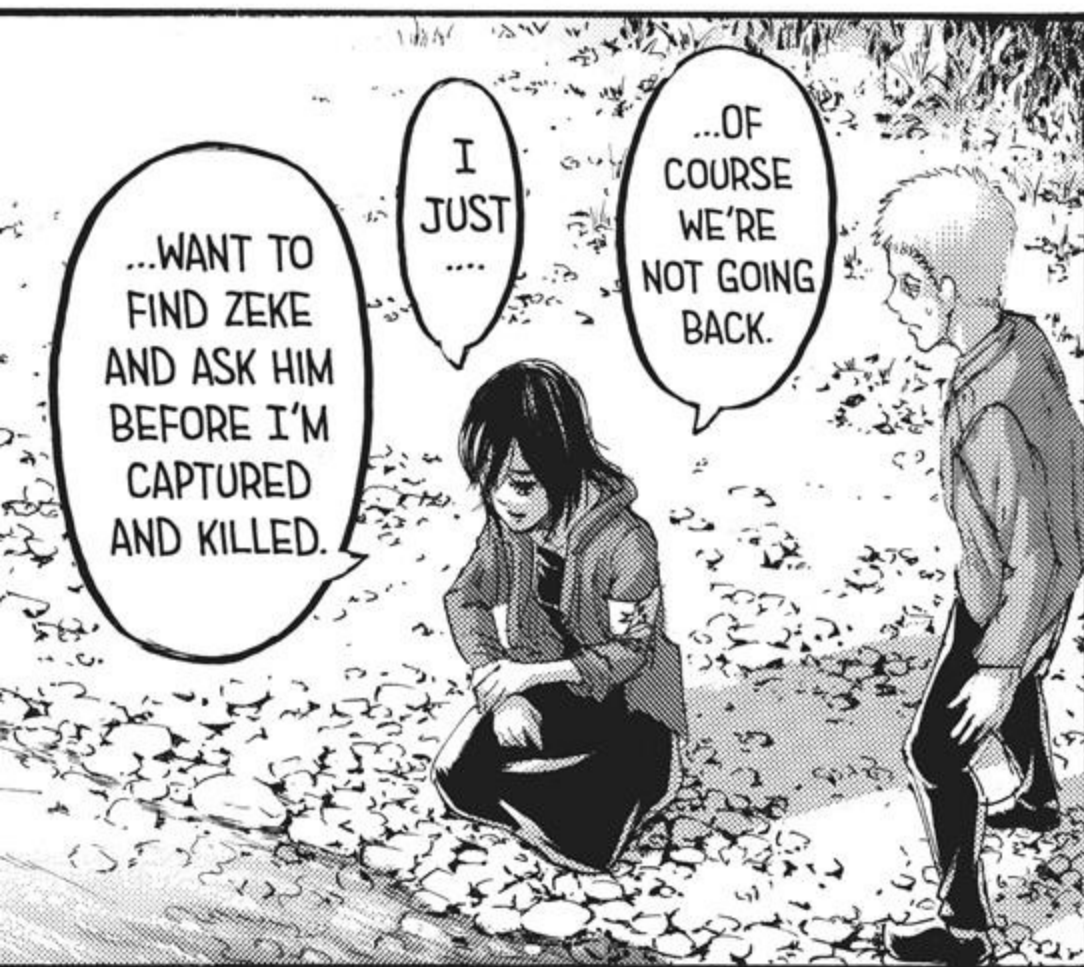












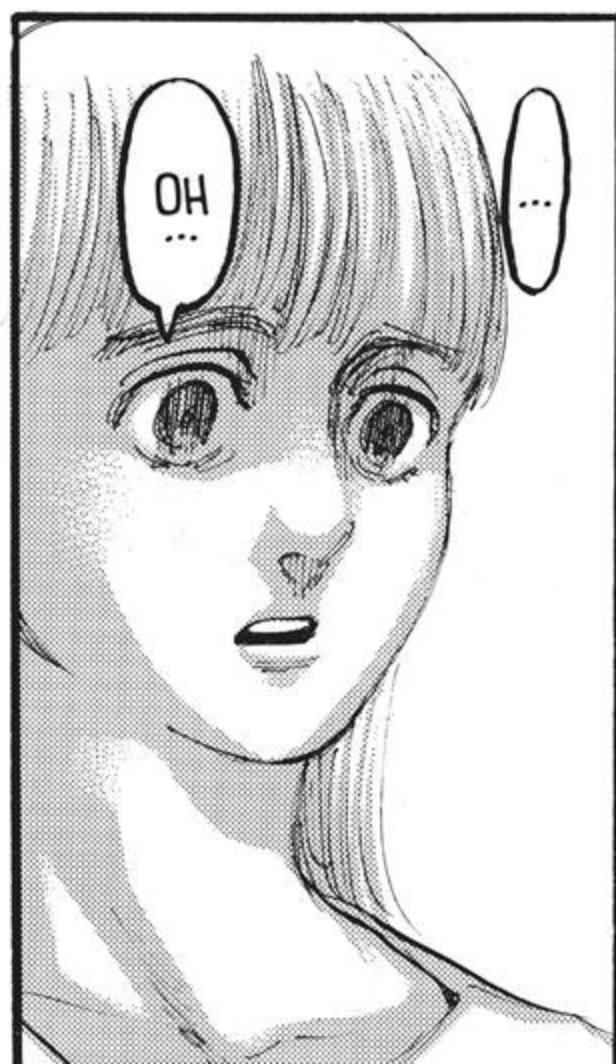
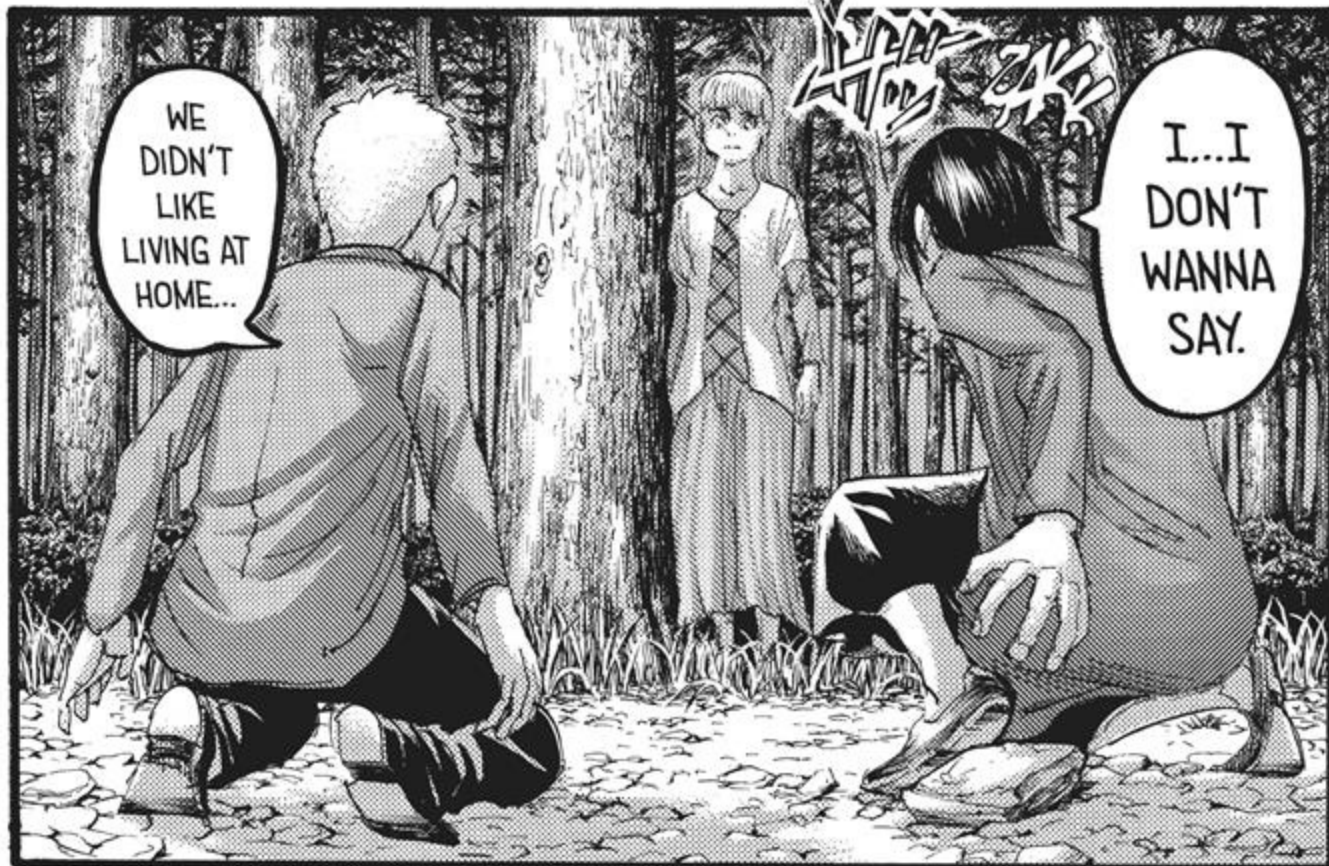








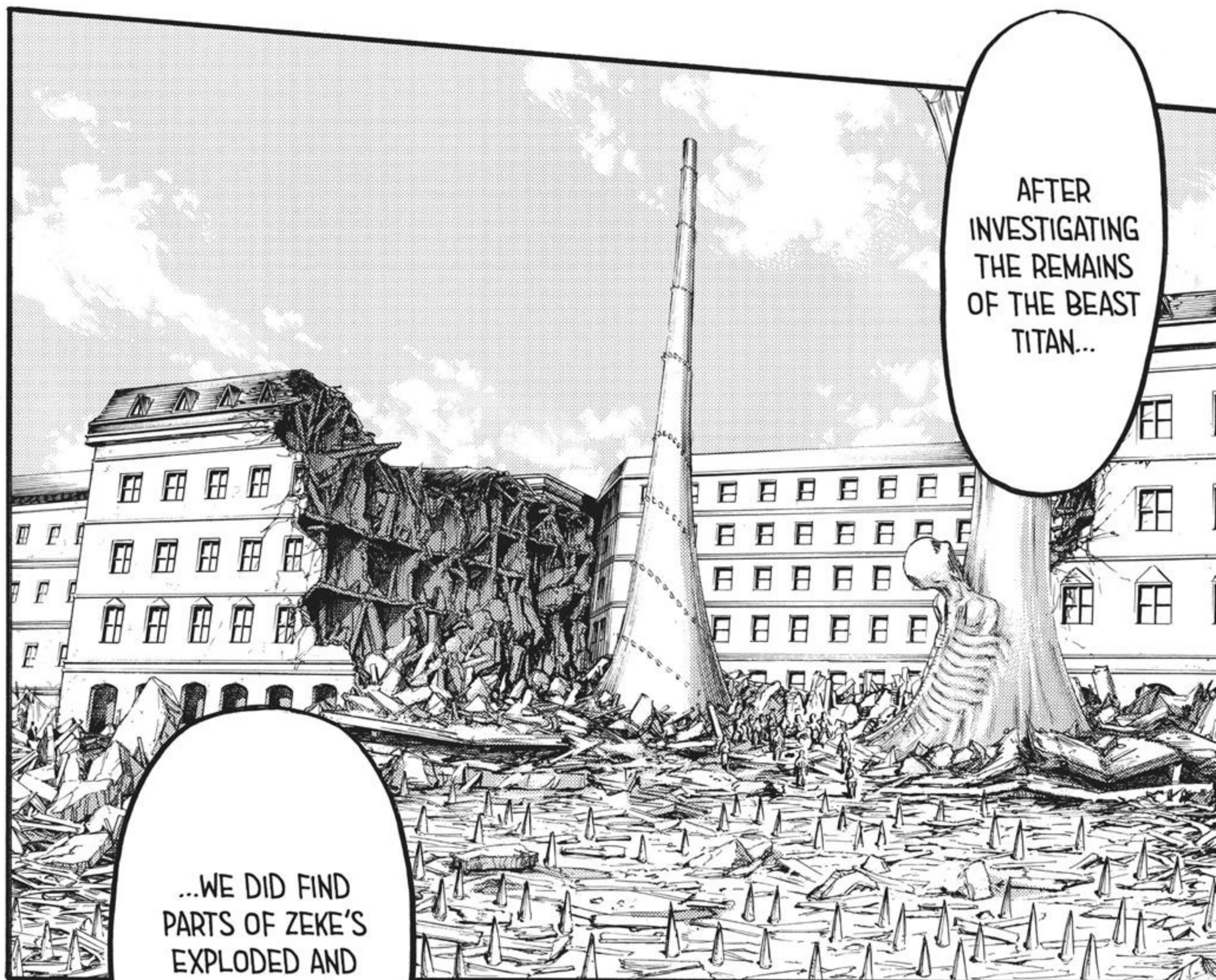












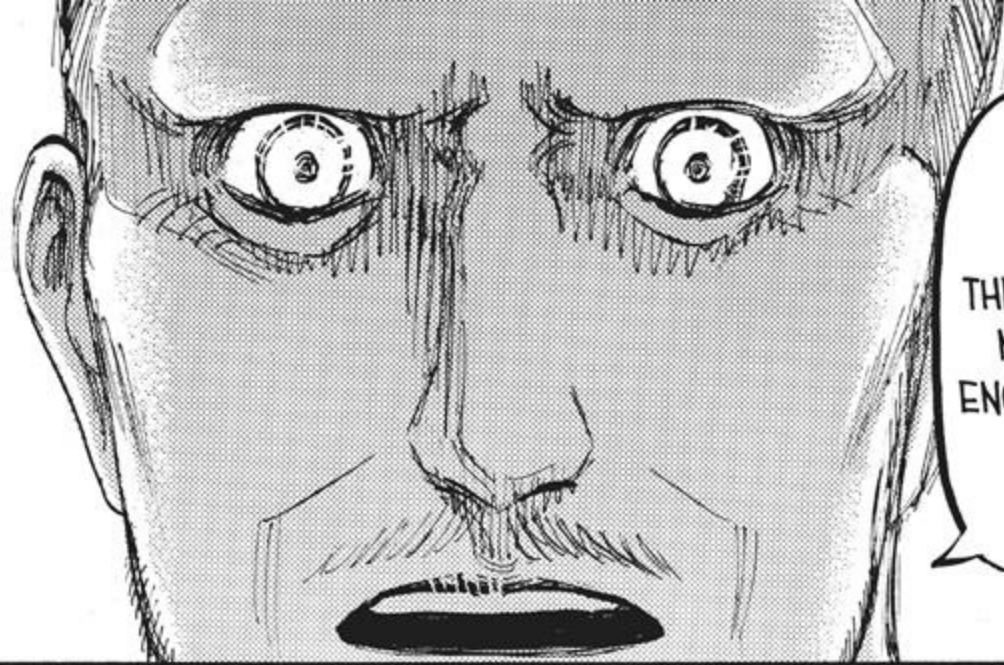
AFTER  
INVESTIGATING  
THE REMAINS  
OF THE BEAST  
TITAN...

...WE DID FIND  
PARTS OF ZEKE'S  
EXPLODED AND  
FRAGMENTED  
BODY.





ALL  
WE COULD  
FIND WERE  
LIMBS.



THERE'S  
NOT  
ENOUGH.

BUT  
...

HE ONLY  
PRETENDED TO  
DIE IN ORDER  
TO DECEIVE  
US.



WE  
BELIEVE  
THAT ZEKE HAS  
ALLIED WITH  
ENEMY FORCES  
ON PARADIS  
AND ESCAPED  
ON THEIR  
AIRSHIP.

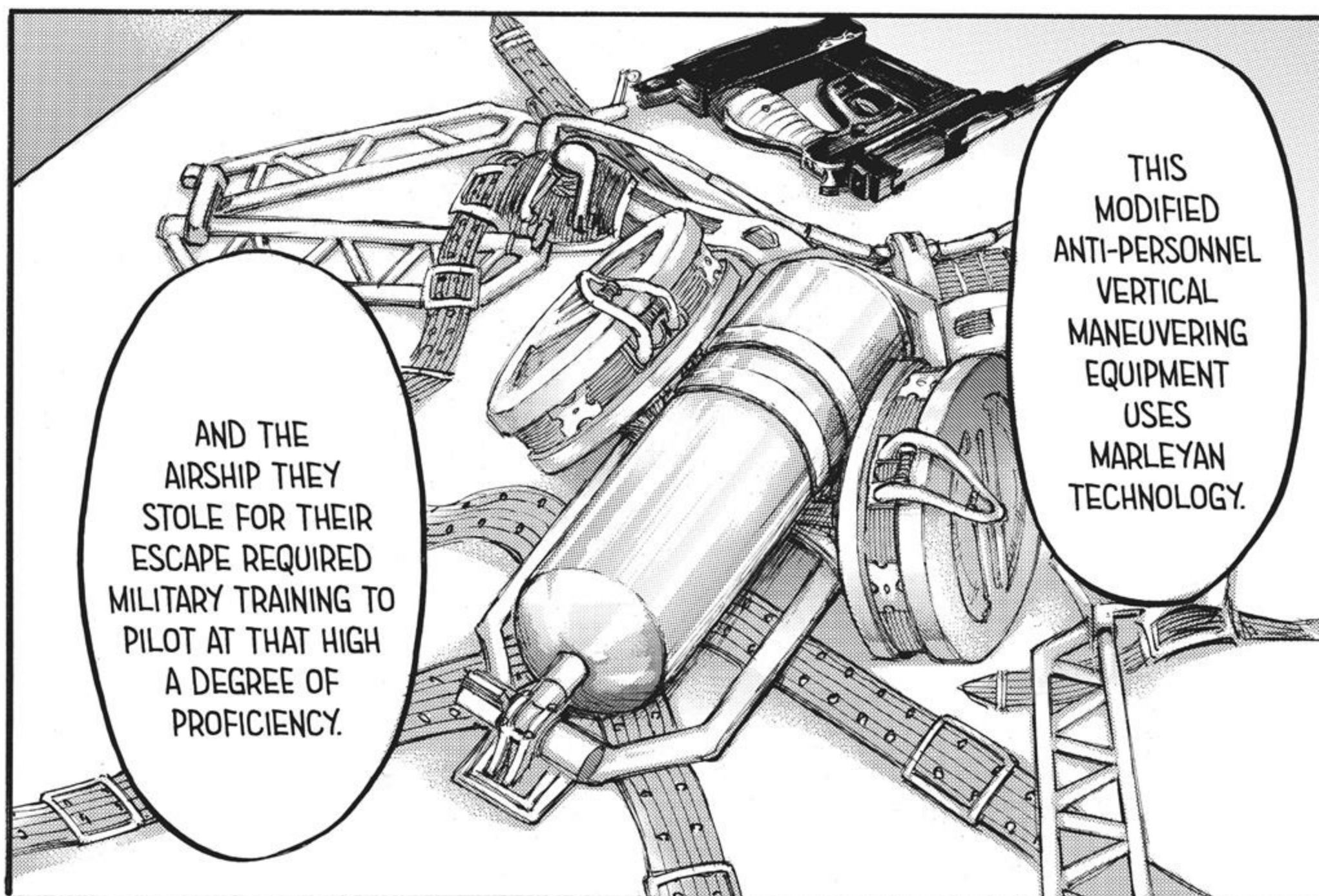




...FOR OVER  
FOUR YEARS.  
HE WAS PUTTING  
TOGETHER A TEAM  
OF CO-CONSPIRA-  
TORS WHILE INSIDE  
THE MARLEYAN  
MILITARY.

...ZEKE  
HAD BEEN  
PLANNING  
HIS RAID ON  
MARLEY...

IF PIECK'S  
THEORY IS  
CORRECT...



AND THE  
AIRSHIP THEY  
STOLE FOR THEIR  
ESCAPE REQUIRED  
MILITARY TRAINING TO  
PILOT AT THAT HIGH  
A DEGREE OF  
PROFICIENCY.

THIS  
MODIFIED  
ANTI-PERSONNEL  
VERTICAL  
MANEUVERING  
EQUIPMENT  
USES  
MARLEYAN  
TECHNOLOGY.



...  
GAH!

...HIS  
COMRADES  
IN THE  
ELDIAN  
RESTORATION-  
ISTS.

HE  
MUST HAVE  
SNUCK THEM  
ONTO THE  
SURVEY SHIP  
TO PARADIS  
FOUR YEARS  
AGO.





TO THINK  
HE WAS A  
TRAITOR...

WE  
FOUGHT  
TOGETHER  
FOR SO  
LONG...

DAM-  
MIT...



WE'RE  
NOT GOING  
TO LET THIS  
END HERE.

OF  
COURSE  
...



JUST  
LIKE  
...

...WILLY  
TYBUR ASKED  
THE WORLD  
TO DO THAT  
DAY...



ALL MAJOR  
NATIONS CAME  
TOGETHER IN  
THE BLINK OF AN  
EYE TO FORM A  
MASSIVE MILITARY  
ALLIANCE.

AFTER  
THE ATTACK  
ON MARLEY, THE  
DIGNITARIES  
AND NEWSPAPER  
REPORTERS FROM  
AROUND THE  
WORLD WENT ON  
TO SPEAK OF THE  
THREAD POSED  
BY PARADIS.

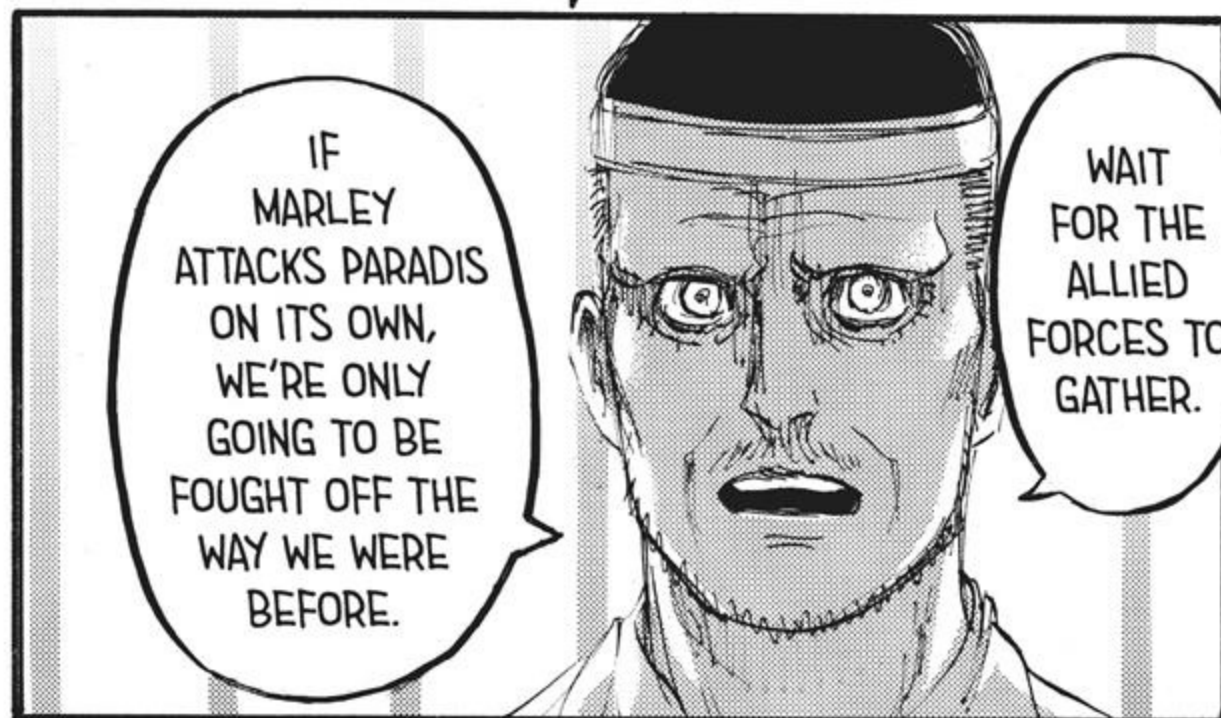




S-SIX MONTHS?!  
TH-THUNK

A GLOBAL MILITARY ALLIANCE WILL CONDUCT A SCORCHED-EARTH CAMPAIGN AGAINST PARADIS WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS!

WE'RE NOT JUST GOING TO WAIT UNTIL ZEKE'S TERM IS UP!



IF MARLEY ATTACKS PARADIS ON ITS OWN, WE'RE ONLY GOING TO BE FOUGHT OFF THE WAY WE WERE BEFORE.

WAIT FOR THE ALLIED FORCES TO GATHER.



IS THAT HOW LONG WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT TO RESCUE FALCO AND GABI, TOO?!



AND HE'S NOT THE KIND OF PERSON WHO'S JUST GOING TO WAIT AROUND WITH NO PLAN UNTIL HE'S CRUSHED SIX MONTHS LATER.



THAT THE MARLEYAN ARMY WON'T MOVE TO ATTACK IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKING SUCH A MASSIVE BLOW.

ZEKE MUST BE THINKING THE SAME THING.





AND IF  
WE WANT  
TO SNUFF  
THAT  
PLAN  
OUT...

YES...  
HE MUST  
HAVE A  
PLAN IN  
MIND.

SO  
YOU THINK  
ZEKE IS  
PLOTING  
SOME-  
THING  
RIGHT  
NOW?



WE  
NEED TO  
LAUNCH A  
SURPRISE  
ATTACK ON  
PARADIS.

...WE  
CAN'T WAIT  
FOR THE  
GLOBAL  
ALLIANCE TO  
BE READY.

BOOM



# ATTACK on TITAN